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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 3-9

Offering the *Live Forever* book

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What points from the book will you highlight?

JANUARY 10-16

Using illustrations in *Live Forever* book

Which ones will you use, and how, in talking with
- (a) Youths?
- (b) Parents?
- (c) Older persons?

JANUARY 17-23

***Live Forever* return visits**

1. How can you prepare householder for a return visit?
2. What points from book would you use when you return?
3. How would you start a Bible study in the book?

JANUARY 24-30

Group witnessing

1. What are benefits of group witnessing?
2. Why work with others in book study group?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Living Forever—Not Just a Dream.
Ps. 37:29—Man created to live forever.
Isa. 55:11—Why we can believe.

Use New Book in Proclaiming Kingdom Truth

[1] How did we feel when we first started taking in an accurate knowledge of the truth? It was a delightful experience—an undeserved kindness from Jehovah. We felt as did the two disciples to whom Jesus miraculously appeared on the road to Emmaus. According to Luke 24:32 they said to each other: "Were not our hearts burning as he was speaking to us on the road, as he was fully opening up the Scriptures to us?" Yes, our hearts, too, were filled with appreciation as the meaning of the Scriptures was first opened up to us.

[2] But we were not given the truth for just our own benefit. 'How will they hear without someone to preach?' asks the apostle Paul. (Rom. 10:14) The answer comes from more than 2 million of Jehovah's people, who want to be like Isaiah and say: "Here I am! Send me." (Isa. 6:8) Now is the time for Kingdom truth to be proclaimed far and wide. We should feel responsible for doing this in the territory assigned to our congregation.

[3] Something that will help us proclaim Kingdom truth in our territory during January and February is the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. We have been waiting to offer it from door to door and now the opportunity is here. Likely by now you have read it and so know for yourself that it is an outstanding Bible study aid. With Jehovah's blessing we trust that it will accomplish a tremendous work in the months ahead.

OFFERING IT IN THE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE MINISTRY

[4] How might we effectively present the new *Live Forever* book in our house-to-house work during January and February? There are some fine suggestions given on page 8 under Presenting the Good News. Additionally, we can keep in mind that the book often places itself. People see it with its intriguing title and they want it. But if they are not sure, a brief look inside at the chapter headings and the beautiful illustrations quickly helps them to make up their mind.

[5] Why not try to place it at every opportunity? There are those who have previously shown an interest in the Bible and may even have taken literature. Show it to them. Offer it to those you meet in your daily activity, such as tradesmen and neighbors. Keep a copy where it can be seen and offer it as opportunity affords. Do not forget your non-Witness relatives.

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Assisting Others Through the Congregation Book Study

[1] Early Christians met in homes in order to worship Jehovah. (Rom. 16:3, 5; Philem. 1, 2) In many lands today, especially where our brothers work under difficulty, meetings are held in the homes of the brothers. Today, too, many Congregation Book Studies are held in the homes of the brothers and this arrangement continues to have Jehovah's blessing.

[2] Through the Congregation Book Study, elders can give more personal attention to each individual's spiritual growth—something that may be difficult to do at larger meetings. The study conductor makes a special effort to become well acquainted with all in his group, shepherding them primarily and caring for their spiritual needs. (Prov. 27:23) He endeavors to work with them in the field service and at times to visit them in their home.

[3] A study is generally located in the vicinity of those attending. For this reason it usually becomes a focal point for field service arrangements. This provides you with opportunities to work with different ones in your group and thus benefit from observing their approach at the door. Right after the book study is a good time to make arrangements to work together.

SHOW PERSONAL INTEREST

[4] Do you find that there is a familylike atmosphere at your book study? When all show a personal interest in other members of the group it contributes to such feelings of closeness. (Gal. 6:10) For example, do you notice when some are not at the meeting and then let them know that they were missed? If a family member was missing from a meal it would surely not go unnoticed by others in the household. All would be concerned. Such a spirit in a book study group draws brothers closer together and encourages them not to miss a "meal." When you take a personal interest in each one in the group you will be help-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 2

Song 103

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Briefly review instructions in July 20, 1980, letter regarding use of Medical Alert card.

18 min: "Use New Book in Proclaiming Kingdom Truth." Talk, along with questions and answers. (Invite publishers a week ahead of time to bring *Live Forever* book with them for this discussion.) As various features of the book are considered, chairman can refer to certain pages as examples. Thus, we all get better acquainted with the book. Chairman should be well prepared and enthusiastic so publishers appreciate value of *Live Forever* book and will want to share in presenting it in the territory. (Ask brothers to bring *Live Forever* book again next week.)

17 min: "'Young People Ask'—A Series With Bible Answers." Talk and discussion with audience based on January 8, 1983, *Awake!* article. Stress the need for parents to use this material in assisting their own children spiritually. It appears in every issue of *Awake!* Encourage participation in magazine work on second Saturday of month. May have opportunity to highlight this feature or other articles in the magazines. Announce field service arrangements.

Song 10 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 9

Song 25

10 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements and accounts report.

25 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *Live Forever* Book." Discuss paragraphs 1 and 2 with audience. Then review new Topic for Conversation. Help the brothers appreciate the main idea we want to leave with the householder, namely: Man *can* live forever. Psalm 37:29 brings out three main points: (1) Life is promised only to the righteous; (2) life will be on earth; (3) life will be everlasting. Isaiah 55:11 establishes that the promise of everlasting life is not just a dream, for God holds true to his word. Encourage publishers to use appropriate questions in developing the Topic for Conversation at the doors: Was man created just to grow old and die? Is it not the natural desire of man to live? Would a loving God create humans with a desire to live forever and then not make it possible for them to fulfill that desire? Man does react to death as something unnatural. Why does man alone have a concept of eternity? Why is only man able to think about the future? Is it not logical that man, who can cultivate abilities and a sense of values, should continue living? Is it not strange that some animals and trees live longer than man? Following the above discussion, review with audience the suggested presentations in paragraphs 3-5. Comment on the value of being familiar with the references quoted in paragraph 3 and using them if the circumstances are appropriate. After considering paragraphs 3-5 present two well-rehearsed demonstrations based on paragraphs 3 and 5. Conclude with paragraph 6, encouraging all to keep in mind these points so as to be effective in using the new *Live Forever* book. Keep in mind two important objectives in this assignment, namely, helping the publishers to use the new Topic for Conversation effectively and helping them to present the new book effectively.

10 min: Question Box. Discuss material with audience.

Song 40 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 16

Song 48

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements.

15 min: "Come and See Kingdom Unity in Action!" Consider first half of insert through subheading entitled "Dormitories." Handle by means of talk with questions and answers.

15 min: "Assisting Others Through the Congregation Book Study." Questions and answers. Assign to elder who is a capable book study conductor. Encourage publishers to assist one another to share in magazine work this coming fourth Saturday of January.

10 min: Field Experiences With *Live Forever* Book. While we have had only the first part of January in which to place the book in the door-to-door work, a number of publishers may have had encouraging experiences with the book. Also, we have had the book since our "Kingdom Truth" District Convention last summer and some have had experiences placing the book and studying it with relatives, friends and interested persons. It will be upbuilding to hear these. Arrange for experiences in advance of meeting.

Song 72 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 23

Song 112

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements.

10 min: "Circuit Assemblies—A Spiritual Stimulus." Discussion. Encourage all in congregation to make plans to attend local circuit assembly and help interested persons to attend as well.

15 min: Prepare locally according to needs or consider "Do You Have Affection for Jehovah?" from November 1, 1982, *Watchtower*. Highlight importance of zealously proclaiming Jehovah's name and Kingdom locally.

15 min: "Come and See Kingdom Unity in Action!" Consider last half of material in insert beginning with subheading "Special Needs." Handle by means of talk with questions and answers.

Song 8 and prayer.

Circuit Assemblies —A Spiritual Stimulus

What a fine circuit assembly program was presented to us on the theme "Making the Truth Manifest in Our Lives." (2 Cor. 4:2) It certainly made us aware of the need to take practical steps in making the truth manifest not only by proclaiming it but also by demonstrating it in every aspect of our lives.

The theme for the series of circuit assemblies starting in February is "Be Rich Toward God, Not Covetous." (Luke 12:15, 21) The program on Saturday will give full consideration to the subject "Working What Is Good Toward All." (Gal. 6:10) It will strengthen our determination to lay up spiritual treasure and conquer imperfect fleshly desires. The Sunday morning part "Producing Doers of the Word" will assist us in being more effective in our home Bible study work. The Scriptures encourage us to be not just hearers of the Word, whether at congregation meetings or assemblies, but doers—workers in Jehovah's service.—Jas. 1:22.

Circuit assemblies are an important part of the worship of our God, Jehovah. Listening carefully to the program that has been prepared by the 'faithful slave' class will stimulate us spiritually, enabling us to receive added refreshment. Make sure you attend every session of your next circuit assembly. It will be spiritually rewarding.

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Come and See Kingdom Unity in Action!

"Look! How Good and How Pleasant It Is . . . "

[1] In a world so divided, is it not a pleasure to observe the peace and unity of our brothers as they assemble at conventions in large numbers? (Ps. 133:1; Eph. 4:3) Last year 1,108,022 unitedly met together at the 104 district conventions in the contiguous United States and 12,202 symbolized their dedication to Jehovah by water baptism, thus becoming united praisers of Jehovah. Plans are now being made for approximately 100 "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions to be held this summer. These conventions have been arranged by the "faithful and discreet slave" to build even greater unity. For this to be accomplished in our behalf, it is vital that we be present. To assist you in making any necessary arrangements in order to be there, you will find a list of the 1983 "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions on page 6. Additionally, the following information will prove beneficial as you arrange to attend and help others to be there.—Matt. 24: 45-47; Acts 20:35.

SELECTING YOUR CONVENTION

[2] Listed on page 6, in date order, is each convention city and the circuits (or portions thereof) assigned to attend each convention. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, you should attend the convention to which your circuit is assigned. Where two or more conventions are being held at the same location, you should attend on the dates shown for your circuit or portion thereof.

[3] Those circuits in the chart marked with an asterisk (*) may have some congregations located a little closer to another convention city, but it is preferred that you attend at the location indicated so as to prevent unnecessary crowding.

[4] Where the chart indicates that a portion of a circuit, such as ½ or ¼, is assigned to a particular location, it simply means that those congregations in the part of the circuit closest to that convention should attend where indicated and the rest of the circuit should attend the convention closest to them as shown elsewhere on the list.

[5] Our attendance at the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions will be extremely rewarding. We should attend every session as it will help strengthen our unity with Jehovah, his Kingdom and our brothers. —1 Cor. 1:10.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

[6] You should make your own rooming arrangements directly with the hotel or motel by using the information that will be provided by the convention through your congregation. In most cases you will pay less than the regular rates charged by the hotel or motel since the convention has negotiated for a large number of good quality rooms to be set aside for this purpose. These rooms will be assigned by the hotel or motel only to those identifying themselves as Jehovah's Witnesses or as delegates attending the Watchtower Convention. By the middle of December 1982, your congregation will have received a list of hotels and motels in the convention city that are cooperating closely with the Society's rooming arrangement. It will show the address of the facility, its agreed-upon rates and the phone number to be used in making your reservations. PLEASE NOTE: The program again this year will start at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, thus saving lodging expenses for many.

[7] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation receives the list of hotels and motels from the convention organization you should IMMEDIATELY phone the hotel or motel of your choice, identify-

ing yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses or as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention. Doing so will qualify you for the agreed-upon rates listed. One night's *deposit* will be required at all locations to hold the room and should be sent directly to the hotel or motel as soon as your reservations are confirmed, well in advance of the cutoff date listed on the sheet(s) received from the rooming department. Do not make rooming arrangements you do not intend to keep. (Matt. 5:37) *Motels or hotels are not obligated to hold the rooms or extend the special rates beyond the cutoff date without a deposit.* If you find it necessary for good reason to cancel your accommodations you should write or phone the hotel or motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available to other delegates who need accommodations. The convention rooming department will monitor the arrangement and provide additional information through the congregation, such as which hotels or motels are filled after a month or two, as well as any additional ones it may find necessary to add to the list. If the hotel or motel you call first is filled, then call your next selection from the list, and so on.

8 **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. Usually congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first hotel or motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow through in accord with the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention.

9 **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of such circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often involves taking others with them in their own group, for example, those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, the deaf or other needy ones. Also, they may care for needs in other ways, such as assisting in making arrangements or even aiding financially, if possible and where needed. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18; Acts 20:35) We are confident that loving concern will be shown to all needy ones. (2 Cor. 6:11-13; John 13:35; Gal. 6:10) However, the convention rooming department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for those with special needs who can be cared for neither by themselves nor by those in the congregation where they attend. These may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request Form, discussing their situation with him at that time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should use this form. They should fill it out and return it to the convention coordinator to be checked for completeness, accuracy and verification of circumstances. Even though the convention coordinator forwards it to the convention rooming department, the individual will be notified directly of the accommodation by the rooming department. This should be done well ahead of the convention. The publisher with special needs should NOT simply go to the convention and request a room when he arrives, because the convention rooming department needs the verification of the congregation's convention coordinator.

10 Private home accommodations listed by the convention are usually set aside for those with limited funds who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money, such as for a vacation. They are for the convention period *only*. It is improper to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting them to accommodate delegates extra days so as to visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention.

11 **DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA:** District conventions are arranged at many locations to reduce travel. In nearly every case, the location assigned for you to attend is

the one nearest your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, if a few for important reasons must attend a location other than the one assigned, they may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for the address of the convention headquarters where they wish to attend. He will find these addresses listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request Form. Unless these persons have special needs, they should *not* use the Special Needs Room Request Form. Rather, they should write to the convention headquarters where they wish to attend and request a copy of the hotel or motel listing for that location, sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with this request. Upon receipt of this listing of hotels or motels they should proceed just as if they were using the list for their local area.

12 **YOUR COOPERATION APPRECIATED:** The smoothness with which this rooming arrangement functions depends largely on the cooperation of everyone involved. For instance, if a number of delegates run ahead and make reservations on their own before the congregation receives the list of facilities that are cooperating with the convention rooming department, it could cause a major breakdown in negotiations. Also, it could result in difficulties if a large number of delegates choose, for one reason or another, to make their own arrangements with facilities not listed that have not cooperated with the convention rooming arrangement. The listing is broad enough to give a choice of good quality accommodations and yet give preference to the hotels or motels that cooperate. Our aim with this rooming arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible, so as to be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

SIGN LANGUAGE SESSIONS

13 As shown in the accompanying chart, sign language translation will be provided *only* at 16 specific convention cities. (*No* provisions will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) This arrangement worked well last year. We know this will prove to be a real blessing to those with this special need by providing good quality translating and larger groups with which to enjoy upbuilding fellowship. Those who are signers can do much to let the deaf in their congregation know of these arrangements and help them to attend where the sign language provision is made.

TO THE BODY OF ELDERS

14 Upon receipt of this insert, the congregation convention coordinator should meet with the presiding overseer before the next Service Meeting to determine from the circuit list which city and dates their congregation is in as of February 1, 1983. (If the coordinator is caring for both positions, he should meet with another member of the congregation service committee.) Where a fraction of a circuit (1/2, 1/4, and so forth) is involved, they should determine which convention their congregation should attend and plan accordingly. Then, please announce at the next Service Meeting as well as the following *Watchtower* Study the location and dates assigned by the Society for the congregation. It would be good to underline on the circuit list the assigned convention city and dates for the congregation and post that portion of the insert on the information board.

15 The elder serving as the convention coordinator should conduct one of the Service Meeting parts covering this insert as scheduled, as well as handle other convention material and announcements on the meetings. This will help to acquaint the congregation with their convention coordinator. When covering this insert the important paragraphs should be read. All the elders will want to cooperate fully and offer suggestions to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic and effective handling of convention-related material.

1983 U.S. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

JUNE 16-19:
Amarillo, TX: Kans. ⅓2-A; N. Mex. 2-A, 3; Tex. ¼9, 10.
Augusta, GA: Ga. ¼3, ½8; S.C. 1-A*, ¾2, ⅓3.
Billings, MT: Idaho ½3-B; Mont. 2; N. Dak. 1-A; Wyo. 1.
Denver, CO: Colo. 1, 2, 3; N. Mex. 2-B.
Ft. Worth, TX: Tex. 13, 14, 15.
Greensboro, NC: N.C. ⅔2, 5, 6, 8; S.C. 1-B, ¼2.
Huntington, WV: Ohio ⅔4, 15*; W. Va. ⅔1, ½3.
Jacksonville, FL: Fla. 3, ½5, 12.
Johnson City, TN: Ky. ½4-A; N.C. ¼3; Tenn. 1.
Midland, TX: N. Mex. 1-A, ⅓1-B; Tex. ¾9, 18.
Nashville, TN: Ky. ½1, ½4-B; Tenn. ½2-A, 2-B, 4, 6.
New Haven, CT: Conn. 1, 3-B*; N.Y. 14*.
Philadelphia, PA: N.J. 3, 4*, 6, 7; N.Y. 22-B*; Pa. 1, 2*, 3, 4, 5-A, 5-B*, 6, 9-A*, 11, 13.
Phoenix, AZ (sign language also): Ariz. 1, 2-B, 3, 5; Nev. 2*.
Pontiac, MI: Ind. ⅔7-B; Mich. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13-A*, 14-A, ½14-B; Ohio 5-A, ⅓5-B.
Portland, ME: Maine 1, 2; N.H. ¾1; Vt. ½1-A.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. ¾7, 10-A.
South Bend, IN: Ill. 12-B*; Ind. ½2-C, ⅓6, 7-A, ⅓7-B; Mich. 4; Ohio ⅓5-B.
Springfield, IL: Iowa 4-A*; Ill. 3, 4, 6-A, ⅔6-B.
Tucson, AZ: Ariz. 2-A, 4; N. Mex. ⅔1-B.
Uniondale, NY: N.J. 1; N.Y. 4, 17, 23.

JUNE 23-26:
Birmingham, AL: Ala. 1, 2, 4, 5-A, ¼6; Ga. ⅓4; Miss. ⅓2.
Cicero, IL: Ill. 2, 8, 10; Wis. ⅔4-B.
Denver, CO (sign language also): Colo. 4, 5, 6; Nebr. ⅓1-A; Wyo. 2.
Des Moines, IA: Iowa 1, ½2-A, 2-B, 3, 4-B; Mo. 3-B.
Ft. Worth, TX (sign language also): Okla. ⅓4-B; Tex. ½3-A, 5, 6, 12-A*.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 18-C*, 29*; Nev. ¾1*.
Greenville, SC: Ga. ⅓4, ¼8; N.C. 7*.
Huntington, WV: Ky. 3-B*; Ohio ⅔2-A, 6-B*, 7*, 16.
Johnson City, TN: N.C. ⅓2; Tenn. 5; Va. ¼5.
Landover, MD: D.C. 1; Md. 1, 3, 4; Va. ½4.
New Haven, CT: Conn. 2-A, 2-B*, 3-A; N.Y. 3*; R.I. 1-C.
Ogden, UT: Idaho 3-A, ½3-B; Nev. ¼1; Utah 1, 2.
Richfield, OH: Ohio 1, ⅓4, 8, 11, 13.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. 9, 10-B.
San Diego, CA: Calif. 1, 2*, 3*, 20, 28*, 30*, 33*, 35, 45*, 46*.
Savannah, GA: Ga. ¾3, 7-A*; S.C. ⅔3.
Springfield, MA: Mass. 4, 5*, 7-B.
Uniondale, NY: N.J. 5; N.Y. 2, 10, 15, 20-B.
Wheeling, WV: Pa. 7, 14; W. Va. 2-A, ¼3.

JUNE 30–JULY 3:
Baton Rouge, LA (sign language also): La. 1-A, 1-C, 3, 4, 5; Miss. ⅔4-B.
Cicero, IL (sign language also): Ill. 1, 9, 13; Wis. 2-B, 2-C.
Crownsville, MD (Greek only): U.S. Greek.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 9*, 25-B*, 39.
Glens Falls, NY: N.Y. 16*, ½22-A; Vt. 1-B.
Green Bay, WI: Mich. 7; Wis. 2-A*, ⅓4-B, ⅓5.
Greenville, SC: N.C. ¾3, 4.
Hampton, VA: N.C. 1; Va. 1.
Landover, MD (Korean and sign language also): Md. 2, 5, 6; Pa. 5-C, 9-B*; W. Va. 2-B.
Long Island City, NY (French only): Northern U.S. French.
Los Angeles, CA (Japanese and sign language also): Calif. 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 21, 24, 25-A, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 44, 47.
Los Angeles, CA (Korean only): Western U.S. Korean.
Macon, GA: Ala. ¼6; Ga. ⅓1, 2, ¼8.
Oklahoma City, OK: Okla. 1, ¾2, 3, 4-A, ⅔4-B, ¾5.
Pine Bluff, AR: Ark. 2, 5*.
Pullman, WA: Idaho 1; Oreg. ½5-A; Wash. ⅓3-A, 4.
Richfield, OH (sign language also): Ohio ⅓2-A, 3, ⅓5-B, 10, 12; Pa. 12*.
Rochester, NY: N.Y. 8, 9-B, 21, ½22-A.
St. Paul, MN: Minn. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; N. Dak. 1-B; S. Dak. ⅔1; Wis. ⅔5.
St. Petersburg, FL (sign language also): Fla. ½5, 13.
South Bend, IN: Ind. 1*, 5; Mich. 13-B, ½14-B; Ohio ½2-B.
Springfield, MA: Conn. 2-C; Mass. 1; R.I. 1-A, 1-B*.
Tacoma, WA: Oreg. 1*, 3, 7; Wash. ⅔3-A, 5, 7, 8.
Tallahassee, FL: Ala. ½6; Fla. ¾11; Ga. ⅔1, 7-B*.
Uniondale, NY (sign language also): N.J. 2; N.Y. 1, 11, 12.
Wheeling, WV: Ohio 14; Pa. 8, 10.

JULY 7-10:
Cicero, IL: Ill. 5, 11, 12-A, 12-C; Wis. 1.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 8*, 10.
Glens Falls, NY: N.Y. 6, 24; Vt. ½1-A.
Green Bay, WI: Wis. 3, 4-A.
Hampton, VA: Va. ½2-B, 3, 6.
Hollywood, FL: Fla. 1, ⅔4, 6, ¼7, 8.
Houston, TX: La. 1-B*; Tex. 1, 2, ½3-A, 3-B, 4, 7*, 8, 11, 12-B*, 16, 17.
Lincoln, NE (sign language also): Iowa ½2-A; Kans. ⅔1, ⅓3; Mo. 3-A, 6-A; Nebr. ⅓1-A, 1-B, 2, 3; S.D. ⅓1.
Long Island City, NY (Italian only): U.S. Italian.
Louisville, KY (sign language also): Ind. 2-A, 2-B, ½2-C, 3, 4, ⅔6; Ky. ½1, 2, 3-A, ½4-A, ½4-B; Ohio ½2-B, 6-A, 6-C, 9.
Macon, GA (sign language also): Ga. ⅓4, 5, 6.
Memphis, TN: Ark. 3, ½4; Miss. ⅔2; Tenn. ½2-A, 3.
Miami, FL (French only): Southern U.S. French.
Mobile, AL: Ala. 3, 5-B; Fla. ¼11; Miss. 1, ½3-B.
Monroe, LA: La. 2, 6; Miss. ½3-B, 4-A, ⅓4-B.
Natick, MA (Portuguese only): U.S. Portuguese.
Oakland, CA (sign language also): Calif. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-A, 15-B, 18-A, 18-B, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 40, 41, 42, 43.
Pine Bluff, AR: Ark. 1, ½4; Miss. 3-A*.
Pullman, WA: Idaho 2; Mont. 1; Wash. 3-B.
Roanoke, VA: Va. 2-A*, ½2-B, ½4, ¾5; W. Va. ⅓1, ¼3.
Rochester, NY: N.Y. 7, 9-A, 13.
St. Louis, MO: Ill. ⅓6-B, 7; Mo. 1, 2, 4*, 5, 7.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. 2, ⅓4.
Springfield, MA (sign language also): Mass. 2, 3; N.H. ¼1.
Tacoma, WA (sign language also): Oreg. 2, 4, ½5-A, 5-B, 6; Wash. 1, 2, 6.
Uniondale, NY: N.J. 8; N.Y. 5, 18, 19.
Wichita, KS: Kans. ⅓1, ⅔2-A, 2-B, ⅔3, 4; Mo. 6-B*, 8*; Nebr. ⅓1-A; Okla. ¼2, ¼5.

JULY 14-17:
Beaumont, TX (Spanish only): Kans. ½3-C-S; Tex. 23-S, ½26-S.
Cicero, IL (Spanish only): Ill. 14-S; Kans. ½3-C-S; Ohio 17-S.
El Paso, TX (Spanish only): Ariz. 6-S; Colo. 7-S; Tex. 24-S, 25-S, ½27-S.
Fresno, CA (Spanish only): Calif. 51-S, 52-S.
Hollywood, FL (Spanish only): Fla. 14-S, 15-S, 16-S, 18-S.
Uniondale, NY (Spanish only): Mass. 6-S; N.J. 9-S; N.Y. 25-S, 27-S.
Woodburn, OR (Spanish only): Wash. 9-S.

JULY 21-24:
Fresno, CA (Spanish only): Calif. 49-S, 57-S.
Los Angeles, CA (Spanish only): Calif. 48-S, 50-S, 53-S, 54-S, 55-S, 56-S, 58-S.
San Antonio, TX (Spanish only): Tex. 19-S, 20-S, 21-S, 22-S, ½26-S, ½27-S.
Uniondale, NY (Spanish only): N.J. 10-S; N.Y. 26-S, 28-S; Pa. 15-S.

Announcements

- Secretaries are reminded to submit orders for special talk handbills and Memorial invitations by January 10. Congregations that order after this date will be charged for additional postage.
- Literature offer for **January and February:** *Live Forever* book for $2.50. **March:** Any two of the older 192-page books for $1.00. The following books may be ordered from Brooklyn and used during the campaign: *Choosing, Commentary on James, Happiness* and *Life Does Have a Purpose.* **April and May:** Subscription for *The Watchtower* on contribution of $3.50 for a one-year semimonthly subscription. Six-month semimonthly subscriptions, $2.00 each.
- Presiding overseer should arrange to have new MEDICAL ALERT cards distributed at beginning of first Service Meeting in January. Brother handling announcements can give brief reminders concerning its use as expressed in letter dated July 20, 1980. Post letter on information board for a week or two and then return it to congregation file for future reference. Brothers are encouraged to fill out card promptly, having it properly signed, witnessed and dated.
- The district overseer's new talk will be "Is This World Doomed to Ruin?" The circuit overseer's new talk beginning February 1, 1983, will be "Paradise Restored by Christ's Millennial Rule."
- To make some of the material that appears in *Awake!* available in other languages, the Society has made arrangements to produce various language editions of *Awake!* on a quarterly basis (four issues per year). In the United States *Awake!* is now available on a quarterly basis in Arabic, Bicol, Croatian, Fijian, Hiri Motu, Icelandic, Shona, Sinhalese, Turkish and Urdu.

These quarterly editions of *Awake!* will be available as distributor orders through the congregation. They are not available by subscription. The cost of these magazines will be the same as for our regular editions.

- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 1, A-Bi) —Dutch
  - *Choosing the Best Way of Life* —Thai
  - *Happiness—How to Find It* —Afrikaans, Tagalog
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* —Greek, Italian
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Efik, Igbo, Kikongo, Kikuyu, Lifou, Lingala, Mono-kutuba, Niuean, Samoan, Silozi, Yoruba
  - *Are We Nearing Armageddon?* (*Kingdom News* No. 31) —Chinese, English, French, Italian, Korean, Spanish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Psalms* (set of five; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —English

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	394	132.1	101.1	53.6	5.6
Pios.	22,653	86.0	57.0	31.9	3.4
Aux. Pios.	31,611	60.4	41.3	18.1	1.5
Pubs.	550,394	8.7	7.6	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	605,052				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,749

The total publishers for October is a 4-percent increase over last year's average. The number of regular pioneers reporting exceeds the previous month's all-time peak by 253. Compared to a year ago a million more hours were reported. We are thankful to Jehovah for his blessings on our efforts!

New Book (*Cont'd*)

AN EXCELLENT STUDY BOOK

[6] Why can we be confident that the *Live Forever* book is an outstanding Bible study aid that will have a great part in the future ingathering? Because what was learned in using the successful Bible study aids *"Let God Be True"* and *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* was drawn upon in developing this new book. Thus it contains basically the same Scriptural material along with the fine teaching techniques found in these older books.

[7] Much consideration was given as to how the various Bible doctrines could be explained in a clearer, more pointed way. Time was taken to make illustrations, both visual and verbal, more effective and questions more searching. One constant goal was to reach the student's heart. One publisher writes: "Even more than its lovely presentation and abundant illustrations, I just love the powerful use of scriptures and questions and the personal approach—to make the student see all things in connection with his relationship to Jehovah. The clear-cut contrasts made should help people see the need to make decisions, yes, changes in their beliefs, conduct, attitudes and religion."

A WIDER RANGE OF SUBJECT MATERIAL

[8] In addition to its improved, effective way of presenting Bible truths, the new book covers a wider range of subject matter than our previous study aids. Information vital for new ones has been incorporated to benefit the student. For example, in recent times the matter of moral conduct has been a big stumbling block that hinders many newer ones from progressing in the truth. So this matter is given thorough treatment. Not only is direct counsel provided regarding what wrongs to avoid and how to avoid them but also there is encouragement to do what is right.

[9] In house-to-house ministry, in street witnessing, in making return visits—it is recommended that each publisher be equipped with one or more copies of the *Live Forever* book. Do not go in the field without it! Your positive attitude in presenting the book, describing its contents and placing it will prepare the way for starting many new home Bible studies.

[10] Let us present the *Live Forever* book enthusiastically during January and February as we take advantage of the privilege Jehovah has given us in these final days to keep proclaiming Kingdom truth.

Assisting Others (*Cont'd*)

ing to engender this "family" spirit.

[5] Can you think of additional ways to show personal interest in others? One thing you can do is to make a special effort to engage others in conversation at the meetings, not just greeting them. Some may tend to be shy but are looking for someone to talk with and would respond if approached. There are many other things that can be done. Your book study conductor may have some specific suggestions. Why not ask him?

[6] How can you help when another member of your book study group seems to be discouraged or to have a problem? The counsel to "speak consolingly to the depressed souls" would surely be fitting. (1 Thess. 5:14) If someone is ill, how comforting it is when friends stop by to visit and offer assistance! Often just knowing someone else noticed and cares is all that is needed. The book study conductor, much like a parent, should especially be alert to notice signs of discouragement and to offer needed help.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

[7] There are other ways you can contribute to the book study arrangement. Your good example is one way. For instance, when you dress as you would to attend a meeting at the Kingdom Hall you show respect. You set a positive example for those who may have developed the habit of dressing casually. Do you make it a practice to be on time so as not to disturb the meeting?

[8] It is clear that the study is more lively when all prepare well, perhaps underlining the answers and then commenting in their own words. Looking up cited scriptures in advance and then commenting on them can add much to the meeting. Some also find time to look up supporting material on important points and then they share this with the group. This is appreciated. All these things contribute toward making the Congregation Book Study spiritually refreshing and upbuilding to all in attendance.

[9] Those who regularly attend the book study are convinced that it has Jehovah's blessing. It is a place where one can get personal assistance and contribute to the spiritual refreshment of others. If you are not attending this meeting regularly, why not make the necessary adjustments in your schedule so that you can enjoy this excellent meeting that Jehovah and his organization have prepared for you.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the *Live Forever* Book

1 Eternal life in perfection in a beautiful earthly paradise! What a sublime gift from Jehovah! His love should impel us to share this hope with people in our territory, using the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth.*

2 In order to be well equipped to discuss the subject of living forever in paradise on earth and to present this new book, all of us should first have read it ourselves. No doubt you have some interesting field service points that can be used with the new Topic for Conversation. Knowing the kind of people living in our territory will aid us in determining which chapters or specific points may be used to arouse their interest in Jehovah's promise of everlasting life. Note illustrations that will capture the householder's interest in the truth. Have these in mind when presenting the new book in your territory.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATIONS

3 The illustrations in chapter 19 are excellent for field service. After reading Psalm 37:29, you could say: "What do you think conditions on earth will be like when the righteous live here forever? [Allow householder an opportunity to reply.] Please note these illustrations and comments starting on page 156 of this new book." Then, depending on the time available, point out some of the features of God's New Order as illustrated on pages 156-158, 161 and 162. Help the householder to appreciate the Scriptural support for the statements made. Then you may conclude with Isaiah 55:11, showing that we can fully rely on these promises. Offer the book on a contribution of $2.50.

4 Chapter 1 harmonizes nicely with the new Topic for Conversation. After greeting the householder, you might say: "My purpose in calling is to share with you God's promise to make this earth a paradise and give man unending life. Many people feel that the possibility of living forever on earth is just a dream. What do you think? [Allow for a response.] Scientists claim that man is made in such a way that he ought to live forever. These men say that the body's ability to replace cells and thus renew itself should really continue indefinitely. [For more information see *Truth* book, page 28, paragraph 3; *Awake!*, April 22, 1977, pages 3-5.] The Bible agrees with that and speaks clearly and confidently about man living forever in a paradise earth. Notice what is stated here at Psalm 37:29. [If time permits, you may also read and comment on texts such as Isaiah 45:18; John 3:14-16, 36; Revelation 21:3, 4.] Some may be skeptical about this promise. However, since Jehovah God cannot lie, we have every reason to believe it. His words in Isaiah 55:11 assure it. [Read.] Is that not a wonderful prospect? [Allow for a comment.] I will be pleased to leave with you this new publication entitled *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth.* Chapter 1 discusses further why living forever is not just a dream. The book is yours for a contribution of $2.50."

5 If you are working in a territory where many do not believe in God, you could say: "My reason for visiting you today is to share information about the future. Have you ever wondered if it is possible for man to live forever? [Allow for comment.] Some are not inclined to believe this as they feel that God does not exist. So, living forever is considered just a dream. This book makes an interesting point that builds confidence in God's existence and in the basis for believing his promises. [Point to page 35 and read paragraph 3.] Thus, when he created the earth and man, he had a purpose. [Read Psalm 37:29.] He has assured us that his purpose has not changed. [Read Isaiah 55:11.] It will be a pleasure to leave this new book with you on a contribution of $2.50."

6 In view of what Jehovah has done in our behalf, we have much for which to be thankful. Show appreciation for his loving-kindness by aiding others with the help of the new *Live Forever* book. The good news of living forever is not just a dream.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!*

January 2: Pages 126 to 134*
January 9: Pages 134* to 143*
January 16: Pages 143* to 152#
January 23: Pages 153 to 160#
January 30: Pages 161 to 168

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* To or from subheading.
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THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Italy and Spain both reported new peaks of publishers in September: 98,637 for Italy and 51,084 for Spain.**

◆ **France had a new peak of 875 regular pioneers in September and Puerto Rico had a new peak of 413 regular pioneers the same month.**

◆ **New peaks in publishers and studies were reached in September in a number of countries including Argentina with 41,959 publishers and 43,376 studies, Bolivia with 3,049 publishers and 4,433 studies and Ecuador with 6,524 publishers and 8,896 studies.**

◆ **Mexico reported 114,491 publishers in September—a new peak. They also had new peaks of 4,522 regular pioneers and 122,960 studies.**

◆ **Haiti reported that Bible studies in September were up 18 percent over the same month a year ago.**

Question Box

● When should an assistant be asked to conduct the Congregation Book Study?

The assistant would conduct in the absence of the appointed conductor. It would not be appropriate for him to conduct the book study periodically as training. The assigned conductor is responsible for teaching the group and, when present, he should do so unless there are extenuating circumstances. (Rom. 12:7) In most cases elders are assigned as study conductors since teaching is a weighty responsibility. (Jas. 3:1) It is not a matter of simply reading the questions and calling on persons for comments. The insight and experience of spiritually older men can be very beneficial to those in the group, helping them to understand, to explain and to apply in their lives the truths being studied. Of course, well-qualified ministerial servants may be assigned this responsibility if qualified elders are not available.

An assistant can learn effective methods of teaching by observing closely the assigned book study conductor. He can acquire teaching ability through diligence in preparing and delivering Theocratic Ministry School talks, parts on the Service Meeting and by conducting home Bible studies with individuals and families. Thus, he will be in a good position to benefit his brothers when he is called on to substitute for the assigned conductor. Also, assistants can be very helpful in organizing and leading the group in field service when the assigned conductor is unable to do so.

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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 31–FEBRUARY 6

Offering *Live Forever* book

1. How can we tie in Topic for Conversation with book?
2. What appealed to ones who obtained book?
3. How can younger publishers present it?

FEBRUARY 7-13

How do you reply when someone says:

1. "I am not interested"?
2. "I have my own religion"?
3. "We have books like that"?

FEBRUARY 14-20

Magazine routes

1. How can one be started?
2. What benefits does the householder receive?
3. What benefits are there to us?

FEBRUARY 21-27

Not-at-homes

1. Why keep a record of such?
2. What notations should be made?
3. What could be done if no one answers after several visits?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Living Forever—Not Just a Dream!

Ps. 37:29—Man created to live forever.

Isa. 55:11—Why we can believe.

Increasing Our Share in the Divinely Authorized Marking Work

[1] We are living at a time of abounding increase in true worship. As the divinely authorized marking work foretold for these last days rapidly moves toward its completion, honest-hearted ones everywhere are responding to the good news. They conform to Jehovah's righteous standards and dedicate their life to him. They, in turn, are striving to have a full share in helping still others to become marked for salvation. —Ezek. 9:2-6.

[2] Some of us have been sharing in this prophesied work for 5, 10, 20, 40 or more years. Others have been added to the ranks of ministers of the good news more recently. But individually we all do well to ask ourselves from time to time, 'How do I feel about my privilege of being a Kingdom minister today?' Also, we could ask: 'Do I still view the work of the ministry with a sense of urgency?' Are we individually concerned with increasing our share in the divinely authorized work?

ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE OF THE 'FAITHFUL SLAVE'

[3] "The faithful and discreet slave" continues to take the lead in moving ahead with this work. Year after year missionaries are sent out to expand this marking work in many parts of the earth. The house-to-house ministry and other features of service are used to accomplish the preaching of the good news. New publications are made available and we are instructed on how to use them effectively.

[4] One example is the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. We have now had time to read it carefully. At recent Service Meetings we have discussed the contents and received timely suggestions on how to offer it. We have also benefited greatly from the talks based on this new book. Surely all such timely instruction, practical assistance and encouragement have moved us to want to increase our share in the divinely authorized marking work. We all want to use this fine new publication to good advantage.

USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY

[5] Now we have had one full month of offering the *Live Forever* book from house to house and we are continuing with this same offer during February. Will we all take advantage of every opportunity during this short winter month and further increase our share in the ministry? In those areas where inclement weather may make regular house-to-house witnessing difficult, why not expand our ministry in business territory, or work apartment buildings and call back on not-at-homes listed on our house-to-house records? Depending on local circumstances, we may be

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Working in the Harvest as an Auxiliary Pioneer

[1] Harvesttime is a time for work. When the crop is ripe, the harvest must begin. Any delay can result in serious loss. Everyone is asked to help, including women and children. Other tasks of less importance are temporarily set aside. Each day's work may start before the sun comes up and often extends late into the evening. Even so, harvesttime brings great rejoicing.—Isa. 9:3.

[2] Likewise, spiritual harvesttime calls for much work. Jesus pointed this out when he said to his disciples: "Yes, the harvest is great, but the workers are few. Therefore, beg the Master of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:37, 38) In addition to bringing more workers into the field, some of those already serving may be able to spend additional time working in the field. In the modern spiritual harvesting work many have responded to the need in the field by enrolling for one or more months as auxiliary pioneers. Their reward has been increased proportionately as they have located interested ones and have even begun studies with some of them. It has been extra work, but they are "filled with joy" as they share in reaping a bountiful harvest of new disciples. —Acts 13:48, 52.

[3] The auxiliary pioneer service has opened the way for many to increase their share in the harvest work. It only takes an average of about two hours per day in Kingdom service to meet the auxiliary pioneer requirements. Some have been able to arrange to spend less time at their secular work. In some schools, students have been permitted to schedule classes in order to be dismissed early in the day. Others have made good use of holidays and vacation periods. Many housewives have found it possible to share in the auxiliary pioneer service by simply budgeting their time and having the cooperation of the family. Many are receiving blessings because of making the necessary adjustments.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 30

Song 19

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Call special attention to announcement about witnessing through the mail. Remind all to turn in January field service reports. Enthusiastically encourage attentiveness to program so as to select points to use in field service this weekend. Invite all to share in house-to-house ministry first Sunday of month, February 6.

20 min: "Increasing Our Share in the Divinely Authorized Marking Work." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Include well-prepared demonstration of someone calling back on *Live Forever* placement.

15 min: Make Good Use of the New *Yearbook*. Discussion. Consider experiences from *1983 Yearbook* related to work in Portugal, pages 130-256, showing blessings that come from putting Kingdom interests first. Invite publishers to share experiences from printed account. Encourage congregation to complete reading the detailed accounts of our work in Australia and Portugal, if they have not already done so. (Arrange for congregation to bring personal copies of *1983 Yearbook* to meeting and to prepare comments in advance.) Highlight value of *Yearbook* in stimulating our zeal for the preaching and disciple-making work.

Song 51 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 6

Song 37

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Remind brothers of second Saturday magazine work. Suggest brief presentations of current magazines.

15 min: "Demonstrating Hospitality to Others." Warm and encouraging talk. Commend brothers for expressions of hospitality shown and make suggestions for congregation. Brief, pointed local experiences may be used to show how some have benefited from hospitality shown by others and by congregation as a whole.

20 min: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. Relate selected experiences on placing the book and starting studies. Encourage all to support weekend field service activity.

Song 32 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 13

Song 1

10 min: Local announcements. Briefly review local January report and commend congregation. Briefly discuss Memorial plans and encourage all to prepare for increased activity during March and April. Cover material in article entitled "Memorial Plans."

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Following Up Interest in the *Live Forever* Book." Questions and answers. Also, relate local experiences of brothers and sisters who have had good results from following up interest in *Live Forever* book.

15 min: Why Avoid Obscenities. Pointed and informative talk based on first two articles in *The Watchtower* of February 1, 1983. Include helpful suggestions as to how brothers can resist corruptive influence of obscenity. Encourage support of weekend field service activities.

Song 88 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 20

Song 4

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage magazine activity on fourth Saturday. Announce field service arrangements. Draw attention to February 15, 1983, *Watchtower*, particularly the article "The Worst of Times, Yet the Best of Times." Have a brief demonstration offering magazines to householder.

20 min: "Working in the Harvest as an Auxiliary Pioneer." Questions and answers. Read selected paragraphs as time allows. Interview some who are auxiliary pioneers this month, or who plan to enroll for March or April, and get suggestions from them as to how it can be done. Call attention to all-time peak of auxiliary pioneers in April 1982. Note *Our Kingdom Ministry* of July 1982, page 1.

15 min: Are You Prepared for Field Service in March? Brief discussion encouraging brothers to be prepared for special offer of two 192-page books in March. Inform brothers which books listed in *Our Kingdom Ministry* Announcements are available locally and suggest some points that will tie in well with Topic for Conversation. Publishers can get supplies of literature tonight. Also, consider Question Box information.

Song 24 and prayer.

Marking Work (*Cont'd*)

able to find any number of ways to increase our share in the divinely authorized marking work even during cold winter days in February.

[6] Some of us may be able to increase the amount of time we spend in the field ministry. We may be able to enroll as auxiliary pioneers for a month or longer. This would help prepare us for the special activity planned for March and April. Pioneers usually spend more time in the field during those months. Vacation periods may be used to good advantage to increase our time in field service. And then what about planning to spend some extra time in the ministry during the visit of the circuit overseer? He and his wife will appreciate the support and we will personally benefit. But whether serving as regular pioneers, auxiliary pioneers or congregation publishers, the important question is: Are we endeavoring to do all we can to help others to become marked for life in Paradise?

BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE

[7] Even if other obligations do not permit us to spend more hours preaching and teaching, can we still increase our effectiveness in the field through more efficient use of the time we do spend in the ministry? Let us take full advantage of all theocratic training arrangements in the congregation, seek Jehovah's assistance through prayer and remain optimistic about the possibilities of increasing our share in the divinely authorized marking work.—Phil. 4:13.

Auxiliary Pioneer (*Cont'd*)

SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES

[4] One sister writes: "As a housewife and mother, I have been able to enjoy auxiliary pioneering and it has been spiritually upbuilding to me and my family." A 15-year-old schoolgirl tells of using her two-week spring vacation to share in the auxiliary pioneer service, and says: "I can really see the difference, especially an improvement in conversation. My results are outstanding, and I was able to hold many more conversations with people at the door." Another Witness wrote: "Auxiliary pioneering has caused me to develop more love in my heart for the dying human race."

[5] As you make your plans, why not talk with others who have successfully pioneered, to get the benefit of their experience? Also, it is always beneficial to go to Jehovah in prayer, asking for his help. We need both spiritual and physical strength for the work, and this he imparts to all who offer themselves willingly. (Isa. 40:29-31) We can ask him for wisdom to say and do the right things and for his spirit to sustain us.—Jas. 1:5; Luke 11:13.

[6] How privileged we are to be living in the spiritual harvesttime near the end of this old system! The requirements of the harvest may draw heavily on our time and energy, yet our having a share rewards us with a surpassing joy. Efforts to increase our participation in the disciple-making work through auxiliary pioneer service will bring Jehovah's blessing.—1 Tim. 4:10.

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Announcements

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- On Saturday, April 16, the Brooklyn Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours on that day.
- Where a circuit overseer's visit or a circuit assembly is scheduled for April 10, the special talk may be given the following week. Congregations should not schedule the special talk prior to that date.
- Circuit overseers will work with the Theocratic Ministry School overseer and his assistants on Saturday afternoons starting in February 1983.
- When witnessing to strangers by writing letters or sending literature through the mail, the name and address of the sender should be clearly indicated on the outside of the letter or parcel. In some cases the elders may approve using the return address of the local Kingdom Hall. The Society's address should not be used. A personal letter should be signed by the writer.

Please keep in mind that when a booklet or a magazine is sent, either with or without an accompanying letter, the postage rate is likely to be more than what is required for just a personal letter. If insufficient postage is used, the receiver is required to pay the additional postage before delivery. Also, when letters or parcels having no return address are refused or have insufficient postage, these are opened by the Post Office. If one of the Society's publications is found inside, it is sent to the Society and we are required to pay the additional postage.

Elders should discuss this matter with publishers who are known to witness to strangers through the mail and help them to determine whether they are violating postal regulations or if they are in some other way causing undue problems for the Society or other Witnesses. All should be concerned to follow the above principles when witnessing by mail.

- The "Daily Texts and Comments" from the *1983 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* is now available in grade-two English Braille. To obtain this three-volume publication, please send a remittance of $3.75, along with the name and address of the individual that is to receive it, to the BRAILLE DESK. Please do not include orders for Braille material with literature orders for printed publications. Braille publications should not be stocked by the congregation.
- Secretaries: Please take note of page 60 of the *Watchtower Cost List* for information on where to direct congregation correspondence, orders and other forms.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Regular edition, bi12) —Japanese
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 11, Cr-Da) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 12, Da-Di) —Italian
  - *Good News—To Make You Happy* —Ukrainian
  - *Happiness—How to Find It* —Iloko
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* —Sesotho, Swahili, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Fijian, Rarotongan
- Available Again in U.S.A.:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Large print, bi8) —English
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The Good News According to Luke* (set of two) —Italian
  - *To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians* (single cassette) —Italian
  - *The First to the Thessalonians Through To Philemon* (single cassette) —Italian
  - *Album with complete Greek Scriptures* (18 cassettes) —Swedish
  - *Kingdom Recordings Album* (empty, for 24 cassettes) —Dutch, Spanish, Swedish

Demonstrating Hospitality to Others

1 Showing hospitality is rewarding to both the giver and the receiver. It is a Christian obligation. (Heb. 13:2) Some are now in the truth due partly to the good influence that Christian hospitality had on them. Do you demonstrate genuine hospitality? Are you seeking ways to improve in doing so?

2 Hospitality is defined as "the cordial and generous reception and entertainment of guests or strangers." The word "cordial" comes from a Latin word that relates to the *heart*. So for hospitality to be genuine and rewarding it must come from the heart. Like Lydia, a genuinely hospitable person just 'makes the guest come.' (Acts 16:14, 15) Truly hospitable people look for opportunities to extend kindness to others.

HOW IT IS SHOWN

3 How can we show hospitality? To whom can it be shown? Hospitality was shown, in ancient times, to prophets and special servants of God. Some even entertained angels because of manifesting the spirit of hospitality. (Gen. 18:3, 8) Imagine the rewards received by Zacchaeus, Martha, Mary and Lazarus because they displayed human kindness to Jesus! (Luke 19:5-10; 10:38-42) In our day many have similarly been blessed by being hospitable to traveling overseers, visiting speakers, pioneers and missionaries.—Rom. 1:11.

4 Also, there are new ones in the congregation who will benefit from our hospitality. Some in the congregation may be shy. Others may be of little means, while still others are advanced in age or failing in health. Some youths do not have parents in the truth. What effect would it have on them if they were invited into our home for a meal, some form of wholesome recreation or to join in a period of study? Remember the wise advice of Jesus at Luke 14:12-14.

5 Our displaying hospitality should not be limited to those associated with the congregation. Do we respond hospitably when our neighbors are in need due to an accident, sickness or a death in the family? Do we take advantage of opportunities to extend hospitality to relatives? We should be balanced and use good judgment in devoting precious time to these things; maybe we could use such opportunities to give them an informal witness or words of encouragement, in addition to possibly helping in other ways.

REWARDS

6 Showing Christian hospitality takes time and effort. But this giving of ourselves helps to identify us as Christ's disciples. (John 13:35) Jehovah wants us to be givers. We get more satisfaction and happiness from giving than from receiving. (Acts 20:35) Although extra work is involved, we want to have in mind that work is a gift from God. (Eccl. 3:13) The generous soul can expect a reward for his cordial giving.—Prov. 11:25; Luke 6:38.

7 We experience deep joy when we see that our Christian hospitality has influenced someone to have a full share in the more important giving, Kingdom preaching. What satisfaction will be ours if we observe ones to whom we were hospitable partaking of Jehovah's eternal provisions in the New Order! Yes, demonstrating hospitality to others can be eternally rewarding to both the givers and the receivers.—Matt. 25:34-40.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!*

February 6: Pages 169 to 179*
February 13: Pages 179* to 188#
February 20: Pages 189 to 197*
February 27: Pages 197* to 204

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Following Up Interest in the *Live Forever* Book

¹ Is it not thrilling to know that thousands have already accepted the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth?* Every indication is that this Bible study aid will prove to be a most valuable instrument for use in the field as the ingathering continues.—Isa. 60:8, 22.

² But placing the book is only the first step. There must be a meaningful follow-up with return visits and progressive home Bible studies. Since the *Live Forever* book is designed for conducting Bible studies, we can approach this work enthusiastically and with confidence.

³ Do not delay calling back on interested people. Although they may have accepted the book, pressures of everyday living and resultant anxieties can cause interest to fade rapidly, even as illustrated in Jesus' parable of the sower. (Matt. 13:18-23) It may take several return visits to get a study started with some individuals, but many publishers still obtain good results by offering a free home Bible study on the very first visit.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

⁴ But how might interest in the *Live Forever* book be developed into a Bible study? You might say: "This book answers many of the basic questions that people often ask about God and the Bible. For example, many religions teach that hell is a place of eternal fiery torment for the wicked. What is your personal belief on this point? [Allow response.] Sincere persons have been surprised to learn that God's own Son, Jesus Christ, went to hell! [Using a copy of the *Authorized Version,* read and discuss Acts 2:31.] Can you see that if we accept this common view of hell, then we are forced to believe that God's perfect Son, Jesus, was wicked? Obviously that would make God's Word a lie. On the other hand, you may be interested in learning the Bible's truthful answer to the question 'What Kind of Place Is Hell?' " (*Live Forever,* page 81) At this point some publishers like to exchange books with the householder, allowing him to use a book with the answers marked. After considering the first three paragraphs, draw attention to the difference between their book and yours, showing the advantage and necessity of preparation.

⁵ Another approach might be: "Have you ever thought about living forever? [Allow response.] Of course, many would not relish the thought of doing so in view of the suffering, violence and hunger that already plague us." While turning to pages 11-13, you might say: "But suppose you could live forever under conditions like these—would not that be pleasurable? [Allow response.] To do so, however, requires something of us. Notice what paragraph 19 says. [Read.] Let me demonstrate how this book is designed to help you do just that."

⁶ Have you already placed one or more of the *Live Forever* books? If so, do not fail to call back and follow up the interest you have found. You will no doubt find that the many excellent features of this book will make it easy for you to start and conduct a progressive home Bible study even if you have never conducted a study before. Ask Jehovah to help you, and then do your part in putting this fine new Bible study aid to good use in helping someone else to learn of the hope of living forever in Paradise on earth.

Question Box

● What factors should be considered in selecting homes for use as book study locations?

What a fine privilege it is to have a Congregation Book Study in one's home! The book study is an extension of the congregation and is appropriately viewed as a part of Jehovah's arrangement to instruct his people. At times, new or additional locations are needed due to some homes no longer being available or due to expansion. Any in the congregation who desire to volunteer their home as a book study location should inform the elders. Even if your home is not chosen, you can be confident that your offer was greatly appreciated.

Besides considering the convenience of location, the elders should also give some thought to the matter of safety. After choosing what appear to be the best locations, arrange for and encourage the brothers to travel together so as to assist one another. We are always grateful for whatever accommodations the brothers are able to provide. Good judgment should be exercised to see that the Congregation Book Studies are in the best possible locations.

The home that is neat and orderly is always appreciated. When there is sufficient light and ventilation, this is good. (Acts 20:8) The family whose home is used should themselves be setting a good example. It is preferable not to meet in a home where there is a possibility of coming in contact with a disfellowshipped person or one opposed to the truth. Also, there is usually some preparation needed each week before the study, such as setting up chairs, and we appreciate those who take care of such necessary matters.

Memorial Plans

¹ On Tuesday, March 29, after sundown, we expect upwards of a million and a half people to meet with us in the United States to commemorate the most important event that ever took place on earth. This is the Memorial of the death of Jesus. (Luke 22:19) Are we planning now in such a way as to demonstrate our appreciation for the significance of that event?

² Here is a list of some things to be cared for in advance (1 Cor. 14:40):

(1) Are there any special needs for cleaning and repairs so that the Kingdom Hall will reflect well on the importance of the occasion?

(2) Is there need for adjustments or additions to the seating arrangements?

(3) Has someone been assigned to obtain the bread and the wine? Also, have the attendants and brothers who will serve the Memorial emblems been assigned and instructed?

(4) Final arrangements for the Memorial speaker.

(5) Reminders to all to invite relatives, Bible students, inactive ones and others.

(6) Encouragement for all to increase personal field service activity and, for those who can, to enroll as auxiliary pioneers during the months of March and April.

³ It was pleasurable to see the response to the Memorial in 1982. We had an all-time peak attendance of 1,499,284. In April we also had an all-time peak in auxiliary pioneers of over 75,000. What will 1983 bring? May Jehovah bless our diligent efforts as we plan for this most important event.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	398	132.1	95.7	54.3	5.7
Pios.	22,718	84.9	55.3	32.5	3.5
Aux. Pios.	21,151	60.2	38.0	19.2	1.7
Pubs.	564,182	8.6	7.3	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	608,449				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,872

Another encouraging report! The total publishers for November is a 4.6-percent increase over last year's average. Compared with a year ago, 53,117 more home Bible studies were conducted, a 16-percent increase. For the third month in a row, a new peak in regular pioneers was reached. May we all continue "working hard and exerting ourselves" in the ministry during the months ahead.—1 Tim. 4:10.

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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 6
Use of older publications

1. What books will you present?
2. What specific points will you feature?

MARCH 7-13
Manifesting Christian manners

1. Why are they so important in our ministry?
2. Outline specific ways we can manifest them.
3. How can we help other publishers to display them?

MARCH 14-20
The Memorial

1. Why do we want others to attend?
2. Whom might we invite?
3. What will you say when inviting others?

MARCH 21-27
Why is it important to:

1. Speak with proper volume?
2. Look at the householder?

MARCH 28–APRIL 3
How would you respond to:

1. "I only use the Bible"?
2. "I belong to a different religion"?
3. "I receive those magazines from my neighbor"?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Living Forever—Not Just a Dream!
Ps. 37:29—Man created to live forever.
Isa. 55:11—Why we can believe.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!:*

March 6: Pages 242 to 249
March 13: Pages 250 to 259#
March 20: Pages 260 to 273
March 27: Pages 283 to 292*

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Showing Appreciation for the Ransom Provision

[1] Due to the sin of our forefather Adam, mankind was in need of a redeemer—a perfect man who could buy back what Adam had lost. Our loving Father, Jehovah, came to our aid by sending his only-begotten Son to this earth. The life force of this mighty spirit creature was miraculously transferred to the womb of Mary. In due time Jesus was born. He grew to manhood and, in line with his heavenly Father's will, gave his perfect life so that we might live. (Matt. 1:20, 21; John 1:1-3, 14) The effect of his sacrifice was precisely the opposite of that of Adam's sin. —1 Cor. 15:22.

[2] True Christians show appreciation for this ransom provision by exercising faith in Jesus Christ and following in his footsteps. We also manifest appreciation by obeying the Scriptural command to attend the annual celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal. (1 Cor. 11:24) This year Jehovah's Witnesses throughout the earth will gather for this celebration after sundown on Tuesday evening, March 29.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

[3] As outlined in *Our Kingdom Ministry* last month, elders will want to check carefully to see that necessary advance arrangements have been made. If two or more congregations will be using the same location, they will want to coordinate their efforts.

[4] Individually, each one of us will want to take sufficient time to reflect on the significance of this special occasion. Elsewhere in this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* we are including a suggested Bible-reading schedule for the week leading up to the Memorial date. All should carefully consider these verses. It is suggested that, if possible, we read this material as family groups. In addition, some have found it helpful to reflect on other printed material such as pages 917-933 of the *Aid* book, which reviews the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ as well as his works and personal qualities. By prayerfully considering such material we will come to have a better appreciation of the sacredness of the Lord's Evening Meal and the ransom provision.

[5] Having in mind Jesus' splendid example of wholehearted service, why not schedule some house-to-house activity for earlier in the day? However, be sure to arrange your affairs that day so that you will be alert during the discourse, listening intently to the speaker, concentrating on the information that is presented. Helpful suggestions on the art of listening were given in the May

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Abound in Love Toward One Another

[1] Love is a quality that all true Christians are obligated to have. (1 John 4:11) Within the Christian congregation, brotherly love is being demonstrated. But can we "go on doing it in fuller measure"? —1 Thess. 4:9, 10.

HOW TO DEMONSTRATE LOVE

[2] Concern and thoughtfulness are qualities that we all appreciate when they are demonstrated toward us. When we show thoughtfulness to our elderly and our infirm brothers we imitate our God, Jehovah, who highly regards "gray-headedness . . . when it is found in the way of righteousness." (Prov. 16:31) But how can we show love for these older ones? By picking them up for meetings, visiting them in their home, going shopping for them, running errands, inviting them over to our home for a meal, and so forth. (Gal. 6:10) How about the fatherless boys? Have we shown concern for them lately?

[3] Good manners are always in order for true Christians. How refreshing it was to be reminded, in the September 1982, *Our Kingdom Ministry,* of the need always to manifest good manners! Reviewing this information periodically will help impress it on our mind. Why not discuss it as a family?

[4] "Look! Sons are an inheritance from Jehovah," says the psalmist. (Ps. 127:3) Thus, parents have a weighty responsibility before Jehovah to train their young ones in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah. (Eph. 6:4) These young ones need to learn how to demonstrate love to one another too. Parents need to remind their children always to be respectful, not to run in the Kingdom Hall or put gum or candy on the chairs or on the floor.

[5] Since love is so important in the life of all of us, we need to demonstrate it to new ones that are coming into Jehovah's organization. It is only proper that we give them a warm welcome when they visit the Kingdom Hall. When they are shown sincere interest they see that we are following the command to love one another from the heart. Time and

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 27

Song 83

5 min: Introduction and local announcements.

20 min: "Showing Appreciation for the Ransom Provision." Question-and-answer discussion. Read paragraphs as time allows. Highlight benefit of completing suggested Bible reading during Memorial week. Invite comments from congregation as to personal benefits received from doing this.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News —With Older Publications." Talk. Have qualified publisher demonstrate offer using current Topic for Conversation.

5 min: Encourage support for field service first Sunday of month, March 6. Explain which older books the congregation has in stock and encourage publishers to obtain supplies after close of meeting. Encourage all, including families, to consider auxiliary pioneering during April.

Song 118 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 6

Song 27

8 min: Introduction, local announcements and Announcements.

7 min: Discuss Question Box. Highlight need for Bible students to obtain sound foundation spiritually.

10 min: Invite Bible Students to Memorial. Discussion, stressing need to direct Bible students to the organization by personally inviting them to the celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal. Have demonstration of qualified publisher inviting student, using special invitation and making arrangements to provide transportation. Speaker stresses need to explain clearly the significance of the occasion, answering student's questions.

10 min: "Who Should Partake?" Talk by qualified elder based on article from March 15, 1983, *Watchtower,* page 8, if available. In addition, include points from February 1, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 28, 29.

10 min: Interview publishers. How did the home Bible study arrangement help them to learn the truth? What encouraged them to start attending congregation meetings and to participate in the field service? Highlight value of the Bible study arrangement. Speaker encourages all to have full share in magazine activity on second Saturday of month and to be alert to locate sheeplike persons who may desire to study the Bible.

Song 84 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 13

Song 108

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Abound in Love Toward One Another." Talk. When considering paragraph 4, have parent demonstrate key points by discussing with son or daughter importance of showing concern for others.

10 min: Make Good Use of *Awake!* Feature "Young People Ask . . . " in Training Christian Youths. Talk by qualified elder. Show how feature can provide a basis for family discussion and can help parents to give children counsel and Scriptural direction. Arrange for the following demonstrations:

(3 min.) Two teenagers discuss articles on subject of dating from *Awake!* issues of June 8 and June 22, 1982, showing how this information helped them.

(3 min.) Father uses information from *Awake!* issue of March 8, 1983, on subject "How Can I Get Along With Others?" in counseling son on need to get along with other brothers and sisters. Speaker then reviews several subjects and highlights practical value. If time permits, invite brief comments from audience, showing how some benefited from such material.

10 min: Make Memorial Plans Now. Discussion highlighting need for all publishers to make the necessary arrangements in order to attend the Memorial. If your congregation will be meeting early, have you spoken to your employer so that you can leave work early so as not to be late for this most sacred occasion? Have arrangements been made to assist infirm publishers or others who may seldom attend meetings? Encourage all to make definite arrangements now, not waiting until the last minute.

Speaker encourages congregation to make good use of remaining time during month to have an active share in the preaching and disciple-making work. Highlight weekend field service arrangements.

Song 86 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 20

Song 58

10 min: Introduction and local announcements. Briefly demonstrate how to invite relatives to the Memorial. Publisher tactfully asks if relative ever wondered why Jesus Christ had to die. Mentions that Jehovah's Witnesses will be observing the Memorial of his death on March 29. Comments on last year's total attendance and warmly invites relative, giving assurance that nothing will be required of him except to observe. No collections taken. Arranges to meet person and go together. Speaker encourages all to talk to family members who are not in the truth and invite them personally.

20 min: "How Will You 'Count Your Days' in April?" Question-and-answer coverage. Highlight number of local auxiliary pioneers last April and number that have applied to auxiliary pioneer this April. Inform congregation of any extra meetings for service or other arrangements. Have group of former auxiliary pioneers discuss what they did to reach goal and the spiritual benefits received.

15 min: Prepare for the Memorial and the Subscription Campaign. Talk. Remind congregation that the Memorial of Christ's death will be observed on Tuesday evening, March 29. Review local arrangements and encourage all to put forth special effort to get others to attend. In addition, congregation will want to make plans to have full share in the subscription campaign during April. All will want to become familiar with Topic for Conversation and contents of April magazines. Encourage all to be optimistic in offering subscriptions during April and May. Make plans now to share in special activity. Invite all to participate in magazine activity on Saturday as this is the fourth Saturday of March.

Song 46 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 27

Memorial—No Service Meeting scheduled.

Abound in Love *(Cont'd)*

again individuals have written to the Society, expressing appreciation for the love that was shown to them. Can we "widen out" in our heart to include new ones?—2 Cor. 6:13.

[6] When brothers or sisters become seriously ill or have family members in the hospital, how do we respond? Our brotherly love will move us to see how we can support them in their time of need.

[7] The apostle Peter writes: "Above all things, have intense love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Pet. 4:8-10) The Greek word rendered "intense" means 'stretched out.' The love that we should be demonstrating toward our Christian brothers should not be halfhearted, restricted to doing only what we feel we must do, or what we feel will not inconvenience us. Nor should we limit it to just a favored few in the congregation. We also need to back up our love with Christian deeds that will bring lasting blessings to our brothers.

[8] By thus responding in love we will be giving others much to say about the God that we worship. As an organization, we are doing well in this. How about each one of us individually? If we need to make some improvements, why not do so now? Then we will truly be imitating our loving God, Jehovah, who has shown the greatest love for us.—John 3:16.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **March**: Any two of the older 192-page books listed in February *Our Kingdom Ministry*, for contribution of $1.00. (See February *Our Kingdom Ministry* for instructions regarding credit.) **April and May**: Subscription for *The Watchtower* on a contribution of $3.50 per year for semimonthly editions, $2.00 for six-month subscriptions and monthly editions. *Awake!* subscription may also be offered. **June and July**: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* on contribution of 75c. When meeting illiterate persons or poor readers, the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* may be offered on a contribution of 25c.
- We are pleased to announce that a large-print edition of *The Watchtower*, for the benefit of those with limited eyesight, will be published beginning July 1, 1983. For the present, it will be published only for the United States and only in English. This will be regular magazine size with 32 pages and will contain only the study articles with questions. The price will be the same as for the regular semimonthly edition. It can be ordered by individual subscription or as distributors' copies sent through the congregation. To order, use the regular *Watchtower* subscription slip (M-1) or the Distributors' Order form (M-202) and mark clearly in the upper right-hand corner, "LARGE PRINT."
- All should carefully study the article "Honor Godly Marriage!" that appears in *The Watchtower* of March 15, 1983. Direction is given showing the need to avoid being caught up in the permissiveness and unnatural sex perversions that abound in the world today.
- Congregation accounts should be audited by March 1 or as soon as possible thereafter by the presiding overseer or someone appointed by him.
- Questions have been raised as to how long one must wait after a reproof or reinstatement before qualifying for appointment as an auxiliary pioneer. Since all pioneers are required to be exemplary in conduct, this privilege may not be extended to one until at least one year has passed following a reproof or reinstatement from disfellowshipping or disassociation. All restrictions imposed by the judicial committee must already have been removed.
- The Society has produced three new booklets in English for the special purpose of helping people of certain religious backgrounds. The booklet *The Time for True Submission to God* (*sm*) is designed to help Muslims to understand the truth. *In Search of a Father* (*sc*) has been written for people indoctrinated in the Buddhism of southeast Asia. And, *From Kurukshetra to Armageddon—And Your Survival* (*ku*) has been prepared to help persons of Hindu background. Congregations that have English-speaking persons with these backgrounds in their territory may wish to order a small supply of these booklets. As these become available in other languages, announcement will be made.
- New Publications Available:

  My Book of Bible Stories
  —Malayalam, Trukese
  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Sepedi, Tsonga, Tswana
  Bible Topics for Discussion
  —Cebuano, Tagalog, Turkish
  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Ewe, Gun, Hausa, Kisi, Otetela, Tahitian, Twi
  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1976-1980 —French
- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah—Drama (single cassette) —Korean
  Kingdom Recordings Album (empty, for 24 cassettes) —Danish, French, German, Italian
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

  Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand! —English, Spanish

How Will You 'Count Your Days' in April?

[1] A life expectancy of 70 years gives hope of somewhat more than 25,500 days in all. When young, this may seem to be many days, but how quickly they pass! (Ps. 90:10) Even these are not guaranteed to us in this system, as 'we do not know what our life will be tomorrow.' (Jas. 4:13-15) Since our days are so few and time is also running out for this world, how appropriate is the prayer of Moses: "Show us just how to count our days in such a way that we may bring a heart of wisdom in." (Ps. 90:12) Do you desire Jehovah's help in making the most of each day of your life? Yes, we want to count, or evaluate, our days properly so as to honor Jehovah and benefit our fellow humans.

[2] If we have wasted time in the past, we cannot retrieve it. But we can do something about our future if we plan ahead. Thirty precious days lie before us in April. Now is the time to consider how these days can be used to best advantage. Ask yourself: Will these be good days for me? Will I use them wisely? What will I accomplish? Will I do others lasting good? Will Jehovah God be pleased with my use of these days?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN THIS APRIL?

[3] Many of Jehovah's people have found that April is an opportune month to auxiliary pioneer. The weather is often mild, and some have time off from secular work and school due to worldly holidays. Do you remember how many auxiliary pioneers we had in April 1982? In anticipation of last April's activity, the March 1982, *Our Kingdom Ministry*, commented: "What a grand witness to Jehovah God we would give this year if at least ten percent, over 55,000 of us, are auxiliary pioneers in April!" What a happy surprise all of us received when we learned that 75,538—over 13 percent—shared in the auxiliary pioneer service! What a fine response to Jehovah's invitation! But what will happen in April 1983?

[4] Can you make it your goal to pioneer as a *family* during April? Why not talk it over and make it a subject of your united prayers to Jehovah? We are confident you will find that the blessings far outweigh the effort and the sacrifice made. One year in April an entire family decided to share in the pioneer work. The mother was already a regular pioneer. The father had a full-time job and was serving as an elder. Nevertheless, he saw how he could be an auxiliary pioneer by scheduling time during the evenings and on weekends. The three children had school vacation during the first two weeks of April. During the last two weeks they joined their parents in service after school and on weekends. What were the results? They report: "When the family has one goal—that of trying to help as many people as possible within an allotted time—they are all drawn together and there is much more cooperation." Furthermore, two of the children were thrilled to be able to start Bible studies, and as a family, they devoted 351 hours in Jehovah's service!

[5] As a congregation, what will be your goal for April? Can your congregation surpass the number of auxiliary pioneers of last year? It appears that the 60-hour quota is an achievable one for many publishers if all work together and put their faith in Jehovah God to supply "the power beyond what is normal." (2 Cor. 4:7) One small congregation of 29 publishers rejoiced to have 12 enrolled as auxiliary pioneers. It was not easy for many of them. Some had the added responsibility of serving as elders or ministerial servants. Several sisters had unbelieving husbands and small children. One was a faithful 70-year-old publisher, not in the best of health. When the month ended, was their faith rewarded? All of them had reached their quota of 60 hours and the group actually averaged 72 hours. During the month they covered their entire territory thoroughly, including not-at-homes, and many other publishers, unable to pioneer, were stimulated to do more. The presiding overseer commented: "This has drawn the congregation closer to Jehovah and to one another."

[6] We recommend that the body of elders include on their elders' meeting agenda for the month of March a discussion of what can be done to encourage and support the auxiliary pioneer service during April. Some congregations have scheduled additional meetings for service during such special months of activity. For example, besides early morning meetings for service, they have also scheduled afternoon meetings at 3:00 for schoolchildren and then one later around 5:00 p.m. for those who were secularly employed. Also, extra attention may be required to care for the territory and literature needs of those pioneering.

JEHOVAH SHOWS US HOW

[7] Jehovah God shows us how to count our days by providing his example of making good use of time. His days are filled with productive work that benefits his creatures. (John 5:17) Imitating him can make each day in April a good one for you and those who listen to you. (1 Tim. 4:16) May they be happy days and may Jehovah add days without number to your lifetime.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Older Publications

1 Truth does not lose its value with age. The truths stored in our heart and mind regarding God's Kingdom are like priceless treasures, some old, some new. Christ Jesus exhorted his disciples to 'bring out' these new and old Kingdom truths in their work as 'public instructors.' (Matt. 13:52) Similarly today, Christ's "faithful and discreet slave" has provided a variety of publications from which we have learned many things regarding the Kingdom. Some are new, some are old; but do you not agree that all our literature contains valuable information that can benefit the public? If so, then you will want to share in bringing out these printed Kingdom truths to the people in your territory during the month of March.

2 The elders in your congregation will determine what older books are available and should be featured. They will announce this, and the brother overseeing the literature supplies will make them available to you. Be sure to pick up your supplies from the literature counter if you do not have them already. Bear in mind, though, that whatever literature we offer to the public should be clean and presentable.

3 When using the Topic for Conversation, "Living Forever—Not Just a Dream!," how will you present the literature offer? We believe that no matter which publications you offer, somewhere within their pages they will have comments dealing with the prize of everlasting life in a Paradise earth. Take a few moments to review the contents of the books you will present and decide what you will highlight following your Scriptural discussion.

4 You may have many booklets in stock. If so, why not make an effort this month to carry some of these in your witnessing bag? If we have the subjects of the booklets in mind we will be ready to offer one of them to a person who manifests interest in a particular subject.

5 Would you like to see the persons with whom you study the Bible deepen their Scriptural understanding and knowledge? Why not recommend that they read some of the older books? And, if you are newly associated with Jehovah's organization and have not read some of these publications yourself, you may wish to add these to your library and read them or use them for reference as you have opportunity.

6 If the congregation is overstocked with some publications and the elders decide that they will not be used within a reasonable time, then they may let other congregations in the area know what they have. To facilitate this, the circuit overseer can be given a list of the overstocked literature and he can inform other congregations as to what is available. For details regarding transfers of literature from one congregation to another, see page 8 of the current *Watchtower Cost List*.

7 It is our prayer that the many fine books and booklets presently in our home or Kingdom Hall will be brought out and used this month of March to instruct those of the public who want to hear the good news of God's Kingdom.

Showing Appreciation *(Cont'd)*

1982 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* on pages 3 and 4. You may want to review this information.

INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND

6 We desire that our Bible students and other interested persons be present with us on this sacred occasion. Therefore, during March we will put forth a special effort to contact them personally, making good use of the Society's printed invitations. You may be able to invite others by telephone or by writing letters. Make arrangements to provide transportation where appropriate and practical. Some have found it helpful to make a list of all interested persons that should be contacted. Once they have been called on, their names can be checked off. Be warmly enthusiastic when inviting these interested ones. Show them the Scriptural significance of this special occasion. Whet their appetite.

7 We will want to arrive early on Tuesday evening, if possible, so that we can welcome the new and the inactive persons who may come. Make them feel at home and introduce them to others. Invite them to the special public talk that is scheduled for April 10. It is hoped that their attendance at the celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal will be a stimulus that will encourage them to associate regularly with the congregation.

8 How many of the more than 4 billion people on earth will come to appreciate their opportunity for everlasting life made possible by the ransom, we do not know. But we are assured that "a great crowd" of people will exercise faith in "the blood of the Lamb" and be saved. (Rev. 7:9, 10, 14) Last year 6,252,787 persons attended the Memorial worldwide! May Jehovah bless our efforts this year as we encourage thousands more to join us in showing appreciation for the ransom provision.

Question Box

● What two books should be studied with new Bible students?

For some time now we have recommended that those conducting home Bible studies complete two of the Society's books with the student in order that a full opportunity is provided for the student to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth. It was felt that the student should have not only a good understanding of the basic doctrines of the Bible but also a good grasp of what the Bible teaches concerning moral standards, Christian living and related matters. It is felt that this procedure should still continue. We want to do all we can to prepare our students for what lies ahead, providing them with a sound education in Jehovah's purposes as well as high Christian standards and requirements. If a student is baptized before the study of two books is completed, then it would be good for the study to continue after his baptism. The time, return visits and study can be reported by the publisher until the completion of the second book.

If the Bible study is being held in the latest book, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, then the second book can be *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* If the first book being studied is *"Let Your Kingdom Come,"* then the second can be the *Live Forever* publication. Of course, in languages in which we do not have the above publications, the brothers will have to use what they have available.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING FOR MEMORIAL WEEK

Thursday, March 24 (Nisan 9) Matt. 21:1-17
Friday, March 25 (Nisan 10) John 12:20-50
Saturday, March 26 (Nisan 11) Matt. 21:23-46
Sunday, March 27 (Nisan 12) Matt. 26:1-16
Monday, March 28 (Nisan 13) Matt. 26:17-19; Luke 22:7-13
Tuesday, March 29 (Nisan 14) Matt. 26:26-56

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	404	131.4	93.4	53.8	5.8
Pios.	22,807	84.8	53.5	32.2	3.5
Aux. Pios.	18,711	59.9	37.3	18.9	1.7
Pubs.	566,425	8.6	7.3	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	608,347				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,033

For the fourth month in a row we have had a new peak in regular pioneers. Compared with December a year ago, 32,390 more publishers reported. Let us 'go on pleasing God and bearing fruit in every good work.'—Col. 1:10.

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Meetings for Field Service

APRIL 4-10

Personal subscriptions

1. Why have your own?
2. How does having them help you make the offer?
3. Why should children have their own?

APRIL 11-17

Spiritual benefits from subscribing

1. How may householders or others benefit spiritually?
2. How can Bible students benefit?

APRIL 18-24

Attitude toward offer

1. How can it affect subscription placements?
2. How does cost compare with other subscriptions?
3. Why offer subscriptions at every door?

APRIL 25–MAY 1

Practical pointers

1. How do you personally recommend the magazines?
2. Why carry several issues with you?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Are These the Last Days?

Luke 21:10, 11—What Jesus said.

Luke 21:28—We can survive.

Are You Building With Fire-Resistant Materials?

1 Peter warned the early Christians: "Your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone." (1 Pet. 5:8) Has the Devil lessened his attacks in our day? No, he has intensified them, knowing that his time is short. (Rev. 12:12) We can, therefore, expect that tests of our faith will become even more severe in coming days. How can you best protect yourself and your family so you may all survive these fiery tests? It is by making sure that your faith has been established on the right foundation and has been built with fire-resistant materials.—1 Cor. 3:10-15.

2 The precious metals and stones with which we build are the laws, commandments, principles and precepts as taught in God's Word and as personified by Jesus in his life. We have learned these through our personal and congregational study and have reïnforced them by our application of them in our life.

THE WATCHTOWER—A HELP

3 Has not your study of *The Watchtower* built up your faith with high-quality, noncombustible materials? Look back at the 1982 magazines with their articles on loyalty (March 15, June 1), the resurrection hope (April 1), how the Kingdom comes (May 1), conscience (July 15), guidance for youth (October 15), endurance (December 1) and love (December 15), to mention just a few. Were you not thrilled to learn or to review what the Bible teaches on these subjects and to see examples from the past and present of those who maintained their faith through trials? You likely felt, 'If they could do it, so can I.' Yes, *The Watchtower* has been and is a powerful help in strengthening our faith.

4 While the majority of the brothers have intensified their efforts to have strong faith and confidence in Jehovah's sure promises, apparently there are some who have not been building with fire-resistant qualities. This shows up in little or no activity in the ministry, failure to attend meetings, or in allowing themselves to become involved in wrongdoing, which leads to being reproved or disfellowshipped. Those who are strong feel a debt of love to Jehovah to bear "the weaknesses of those not strong." (Rom. 15:1; 13:8; Acts 20:35; Gal. 6:10) Their kindly, loving efforts are commendable and Jehovah has blessed them. But we should

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Do Not Miss Special Talk

1 "Keep awake, . . . that you may succeed in escaping all these things that are destined to occur," Jesus said. What is the big thing "destined to occur" before the generation of 1914 passes away? (Luke 21:32, 36) Is it not the "great tribulation such as has not occurred . . . until now"? (Matt. 24:21) Yes! And what is the first thing that will receive God's adverse judgment and destruction in that "great tribulation"? Is it not Babylon the Great, the world empire of false religion? Yes, it is!—Rev. 18:21.

2 This being true, what a wave of excitement we felt sweep over us upon hearing the title of the special talk to be given on April 10! "Religion's Time of Judgment" is the exciting subject. Does it not arouse a feeling of anticipation in you? What will the speaker bring out? A special outline has been provided for all those assigned to deliver this important talk.

3 Who will bring about the destruction of false religion? Has Babylon the Great already captured the attention of her enemies? How can genuine worshipers of God escape false religion's time of judgment? According to Bible prophecy, what will follow the sudden and unexpected end of all false religion? Are you interested in the answers to these questions? If so, you will want to be present at the Kingdom Hall on Sunday, April 10, to hear the thrilling subject "Religion's Time of Judgment" discussed by a qualified speaker.

4 Are we not living in exciting times? We see "anguish of nations" and the role religion is playing as it endeavors to stay astride the back of the "wild beast" even while meddling in its affairs. (Luke 21:25; Rev. 17:3-5) And what about the United Nations, as well as "the king of the north" and "the king of the south"? They are acting out their parts as foretold. Now is the time to "keep awake" so that we can "succeed in es-

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◆ NEW PEAK OF 614,993 PUBLISHERS IN JANUARY! ◆

Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING APRIL 3

Song 113

14 min: Local announcements. Discuss Memorial highlights. How many were present? How many in audience had newly interested persons or Bible students at Memorial with them? Did any new ones return for the Sunday meetings on April 3? What can be done this week to encourage attendance at special talk on April 10? Next Saturday is second Saturday of month. Can part of day be used to direct interested ones to special talk Sunday? Have attendants distribute one handbill to each publisher. Ask audience to comment on what they plan to say when they invite people in the territory, as well as relatives, Bible students, classmates, teachers or workmates.

12 min: Helping Our Children Understand the Ransom. Use the November 15, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 8 and 9, on subject "What Does Jesus' Death Mean to Us?" Elder conducts discussion of material with group of children on platform. Should be rehearsed in advance.

12 min: "Do Not Miss Special Talk." Questions and answers. Stress point in paragraph 6 concerning special announcement and the importance of being present for the occasion on April 10.

7 min: Brief discussion of Topic for Conversation and the April offer.

Song 96 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 10

Song 78

6 min: Local announcements and Announcements. Accounts report.

15 min: "Are You Building With Fire-Resistant Materials?" Talk. Analyze 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 with audience. (See November 1, 1966, *Watchtower,* pages 649-663.) Note some subjects from past year's issues of *The Watchtower* that would help provide fire-resistant materials for children, newly interested persons, those undergoing tests of their faith, and so forth.

10 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *Watchtower* Subscription." Questions and answers. Include two brief demonstrations showing appropriate approach to those religiously inclined and those not. Encourage all to offer subscriptions during April.

14 min: Consider first 10 paragraphs of insert, "Subscriptions—'Wisdom Calling Out'!" Questions and answers.

Song 89 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 17

Song 66

5 min: Local announcements. All bring August 15, 1982, *Watchtower* next week.

12 min: "Are You Using the 1983 Calendar?" Questions and answers. Have family with children on platform. Setting: Right after weekly family study near end of month. Chairman asks questions on all paragraphs. Directs questions to audience on paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. Cover main points in paragraphs 2, 4, 6 and 8 by a very brief demonstration of the points by family group using the calendar.

20 min: Consider paragraphs 11 through 22 of insert, "Subscriptions—'Wisdom Calling Out'!" Questions and answers.

8 min: Support fourth Saturday, magazine day. April 23 is fourth Saturday this month. Will you make it a special magazine day? Discuss talking points from latest issues. Include one or two 30- to 60-second presentations. Encourage support.

Song 70 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 24

Song 14

8 min: Announcements.

15 min: Talk on "Mildness Has Power." (See September 1, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 8-11.) Include personal expressions from audience about incidents they know of where this principle worked and/or how some have had to cultivate this quality upon learning the truth.

12 min: "Solving Difficulties With Love." (See August 15, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 16, 17.) Questions and answers.

10 min: Arrange according to local needs. Elders may want to schedule a talk on "TV Soaps—Are They Affecting You?" based on the two articles in the December 1, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 3-7. Remind congregation that May 1 is the first Sunday of the month.

Song 108 and prayer.

Building *(Cont'd)*

all see the need to develop Christlike qualities that can fireproof our faith.

[5] An important beginning in the fireproofing program is personal study. Get to know Jehovah better by reading about his qualities, dealings, attitudes and purposes. Study the life and teachings of Jesus and imitate him by letting God's thoughts govern your life. (John 14:9-11) Incessantly appeal to Jehovah in prayer. (1 Thess. 5:17) Act in harmony with your prayers and then respectfully accept and apply his answers in your life. You will find that when future fiery tests come your way, rather than being devoured, your faith will be refined and purified.

HELPING YOUNG, INACTIVE AND NEW ONES

[6] A vital part of our ministry is using God's Word to train our children and to help interested persons to make over their personalities. Recently, much commendable work has been done rebuilding the faith of inactive ones by having Bible studies with them. As we study with all persons we will want to educate, train and discipline them in heavenly wisdom and spiritual discernment. Help them to cultivate godly qualities, loyalty and devotion to Bible principles. They need to become true disciples of Christ. Help them to see how *The Watchtower* has assisted you. As their Christian personalities are developed through study and training, we will see them successfully face up to fiery tests. What a joy it is to know that with God's help we can assist others to build fire-resistant qualities!

[7] During April we will again have the pleasure of offering the *Watchtower* subscription for $3.50 a year. Recognizing its tremendous value and the influence for good it has had on our life, we should enthusiastically take advantage of every opportunity to encourage others to start reading it.

[8] As Paul wrote at 1 Corinthians 3:9, we are "God's field under cultivation, God's building." So we should let Jehovah do a building work in us by giving proper attention to the provisions he has made through his organization. As we draw closer and closer to the end, we can feel the pressures increasing. This does not make us give up or crumble under the heat that Satan is putting on us. Rather, we wisely build our defenses stronger by making sure we are building with fire-resistant materials.—Gal. 6:9, 10.

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Subscriptions—'Wisdom Calling Out'!

In 1939, the year of the first *Watchtower* subscription campaign, 67,229 publishers from 59 countries placed 121,073 new subscriptions. Today *The Watchtower* is published in 102 languages and *Awake!* in 52. Subscriptions are available in those languages listed on page 2 of the magazines. With *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* available in so many more languages, what will be the result in our subscription campaign this April and May?

[1] Apart from the confused din of human wisdom, one voice is distinct, speaking truth and pointing to God's Kingdom as the only solution for mankind's problems. That voice is *The Watchtower*. For the past 103 years *The Watchtower* (later joined by *Awake!*) has been like 'wisdom calling out.' It has been helping millions to emerge from the jumble of false religious teachings and worldly ideas into the clear pathway of a better "life now and that which is to come." (Prov. 8:1; 1 Tim. 4:8) We hear its cry and respond favorably. Can we help others to do likewise?

POSITIVE VIEW NEEDED—DO YOU HAVE IT?

[2] How important is *The Watchtower* to your spiritual life? Is it vital? If so, you will read it regularly because, as stated in its purpose on page 2 of each issue, *The Watchtower* "adheres to the Bible as its authority." And you would want others—your family, friends and neighbors—to read it regularly too. With the exception of the Bible, do you know of any other literature that supplies as much divine wisdom as does a year's subscription to *The Watchtower?* Are you personally a subscriber? Are your family members subscribers?*

[3] Having a positive attitude toward *The Watchtower* entails maintaining a proper appreciation for its contents. Then, once we are convinced of its unique value, we will eagerly look forward to each issue, read it and not hesitate to offer it to others in our field service. What the book of Proverbs says about wisdom can help us estimate the value of this journal in comparison with other magazines:

> "True wisdom has built its house; it has hewn out its seven pillars. It has organized its meat slaughtering; it has mixed its wine; more than that, it has set in order its table. It has sent forth its lady attendants, that it may call out on top of the heights of the town: 'Whoever is inexperienced, let him turn aside here.' Whoever is in want of heart—she has said to him: 'Come, feed yourselves with my bread and share in drinking the wine that I have mixed. Leave the inexperienced ones and keep living, and walk straight in the way of understanding.' "—Prov. 9:1-6.

[4] Godly wisdom described in this chapter, as well as in Proverbs, chapter 8, is in sharp contrast to the immoral wisdom of the world depicted in chapter 7. Unlike the sly harlot who lurks secretly in darkness, trapping her prey and leading the victim "to the interior rooms of death," wisdom issues its call publicly "on top of the heights." It invites its hearers into its sturdy and well-supported mansion of "seven pillars." (Prov. 7:27; 8:2; 9:1) Thoughtfully, wisdom organizes a banquet of fresh food and drink to nourish the mind and heart of its guests.

[5] How well this proverbial illustration can be extended into our modern spiritual life! "The faithful and discreet slave" class sees to it that Christ's "domestics" and their "other sheep" companions are properly fed spiritually. (Matt. 24:45; John 10:16) How is this done? Primarily through the *Watchtower* magazine. Much forethought and planning are necessary in preparing for a successful banquet and this is also true with *The Watchtower*. Its articles, like 'meat' and 'mixed wine,' make Jehovah's people spiritually strong and happy. (Prov. 9:2) Note how some Kingdom publishers feel about recent issues:

● "First of all, they cleared up areas of Scripture I was never sure of. Second, they opened up new areas of thought for further study. But more than that, they made me feel closer to Jehovah, like a more personal friend."

● "With the vexation of this present evil system of things, there are constantly new problems to face. *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* assist us in facing and solving those problems as they appear."

● "Thank you, *Watchtower,* for working hard in establishing a 'spiritual consciousness' in every reader the wide world over."

Is that how you feel about *The Watchtower* and *Awake!?*

WHY HAVE A PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTION?

[6] If each member of your family has a subscription, at least for *The Watchtower,* if not for both magazines, arrival of each issue by mail is as if 'wisdom is calling out.' A fresh reminder to partake of spiritual nourishment is thus

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* The United States branch recommends that publishers obtain their personal copies of magazines by subscription rather than at the Kingdom Hall.

given. But cannot the same spiritual feeding be received by regularly picking up your personal study copies at the Kingdom Hall? Yes, providing one does not fail to pick up the copy as soon as it arrives. Yet there are advantages in receiving your personal copies in the mail. What are they?

[7] For one thing, your spiritual meal is served in *your* home where it may be more convenient to read one or two articles right away. If the magazines were picked up at the Kingdom Hall you would have to wait until later that day to read them, if you are not too tired to do so. Also, if you were to pick up personal copies at the Kingdom Hall you might receive two issues at the same time. Especially would this be true if you missed a meeting due to illness. Home delivery is spaced evenly, one issue per week. Both reasons show that personal subscriptions are advantageous in keeping your personal study on schedule. This, in turn, helps you spiritually, as well as those to whom you preach. Remember, more reading done, more confidence at the door. They go hand in hand.

[8] Has this ever happened to you? You search high and low but you cannot find your study copy of *The Watchtower*. Only later you discover that you placed it in field service. Having a personal subscription will eliminate that annoyance. It is not likely that you will place your own copy of the magazine, especially if you have studied and marked it. Can you think of any more advantages?

[9] Children are greatly benefited by having their own subscriptions. What child does not enjoy receiving his own mail? In one South American country two daughters thanked their mother for their own individual *Watchtower* subscriptions, saying: "This is the best present you have ever given us!" And here is what some of our brothers from different countries have said about the value of publishers having personal subscriptions:

- FRANCE: "I know a family where each member receives his own personal copy by subscription. They are much more inclined to read them and the good effects are evident when they present them at the door."

- BRAZIL: "A girl of six years has her own subscriptions. The father firmly believes that for children to have their own subscriptions to the magazines, even though they are very young, teaches them the value of the magazines and the need to take care of them."

- SOUTH AFRICA: "My parents were not wealthy, yet all four of us children had our own subscriptions. I always thought the Society knew me personally. The magazine was addressed to me and only I opened it. Even before we could read we had our own *Watchtower*."

- UNITED STATES: "I was one of four children. It was the Depression. Money was hard to come by, but I worked mowing grass to pay for my own subscription just for the joy of receiving it in the mail, labeled with my own name."

[10] Do you have your own Bible and your own songbook? Then why not your own subscription? Once you are convinced of the unique benefits of our two magazines, it becomes natural to want to convince others of their value too. Be positive in your attitude toward 'wisdom calling out' through *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* How can this be done?

CONFIDENTLY PRESENT SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

[11] The apostle Paul did not hesitate to share the good news with others. Rather, he spoke "*boldly* in the name of Jesus." (Acts 9:27) Wisdom's figurative lady attendants *confidently* "call out," inviting inexperienced ones to taste of Jehovah's wisdom. Our neighbors feasting on God's wisdom in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* would likely improve their life and establish right motives in their heart. People need this if they want to "keep living." (Prov. 9:3-6) When in field service we, too, need to muster up *boldness* by means of our God and *confidently* offer the subscription to each householder. —1 Thess. 2:2.

[12] 'But the householder does not want a subscription,' you may say. Leap over that negative mental obstacle! Often it is not that the public is unwilling but, rather, that our *own attitude* toward subscriptions needs to be changed. Consider these examples:

- "When serving congregations during the months of the subscription campaign, I stress offering the subscription at every house and not wondering if we should. Let the householders make the decision. Don't make it for them. Publishers have come back from the field and said: 'I really didn't think they were interested, but I offered the subscription and they took it.' "—Circuit overseer, United States.

- "A lady refused the two individual magazines. We explained that we are not peddlers. Explaining that it was possible to subscribe to both, were we surprised when the lady accepted our offer! What lesson can we draw from this experience? Propose the offer systematically. Then leave the decision up to the person."—District overseer, France.

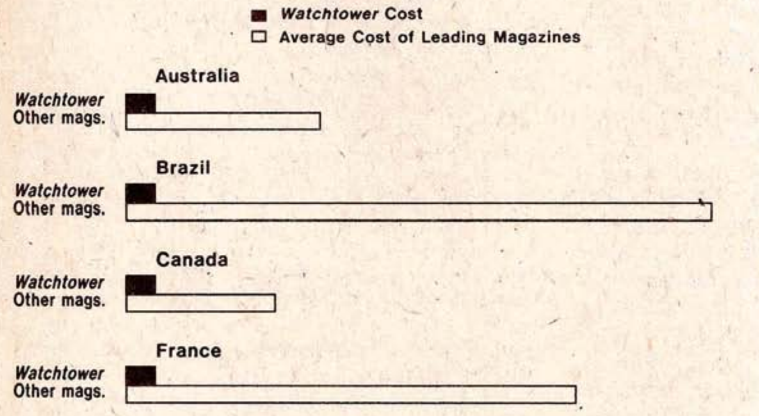
- "One publisher with whom I worked said he had never obtained a subscription although he had been a publisher for 20 years. When asked what the problem was, he answered: 'The people just aren't interested in a subscription. So what's the use of offering it?' At the first house I offered the subscription and the householder took a double subscription. So I encouraged the brother to try at the next house. He did so.

To his amazement he also placed two subscriptions." —Circuit overseer, Brazil.

[13] Do you feel that the day of the magazine is finished? The above experiences and the following statistics for the United States prove otherwise. One survey shows that during the past 30 years, 1951-1981, secular magazine circulation in the United States grew by 92 percent—nearly twice as fast as the population. In the past three years, circulation grew three times faster than did the population. In addition, statistics show that today 9 out of 10 adults in the United States are monthly magazine readers and that they each read an average of nearly eight magazines per month!

[14] Therefore, do not entertain a negative misconception but be positive. In order to offer the subscription do not look for more than "normal interest." Confidently present the subscription offer AT EVERY HOUSE.

COST OF MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION IN NINE COUNTRIES



*Each unit equals cost of *Watchtower* subscription.

SUBSCRIPTION IS PRICED RIGHT

[15] Important, too, is our attitude toward the subscription rate. It is true that in some countries, due to postage, it is more expensive to receive 24 copies of the magazine in the mail than it is to purchase single issues. For example, Japan's one-year subscription rate is $7.20 (U.S.) as compared to $4.80 (U.S.) for 24 single copies, or half again more expensive. Yet the publishers there placed 124,852 subscriptions during 1982, the highest total of any country outside the United States. The subscription price is at the level it should be. "Brothers in business, who are acquainted with price rises, have no hesitation in presenting the subscription offer," reports the Watch Tower Society's branch office in South Africa. In 1981 the average price in the United States for popular magazines was $1.62 per copy and the average one-year subscription was $18.06. In addition, for many people a subscription is the only way that they can regularly receive the magazines.

[16] In Brazil one Kingdom publisher noted: "Do not take for granted that certain people will not have money for a subscription. Many people spend money on items that not only are of little value but actually are harmful, such as tobacco. One publisher hesitated to offer the subscription to a poorly dressed elderly man whose house was also run down. He not only subscribed but also added that he would place a special box at his door to receive the magazines." And as some publishers like to point out, the cost of a yearly subscription is less than the cost of one meal in a restaurant or the cost of a haircut.

WAYS TO OBTAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

[17] Subscriptions can be obtained in the following ways: house to house, return visits, street witnessing, busi-

ness witnessing, from neighbors, fellow workers or schoolmates, from Memorial attenders and as gifts to relatives. Do your Bible students have their own subscription? Can you think of any others?

18 Here are some of the ways our brothers have obtained subscriptions:

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE WITNESSING: "My wife makes good use of outstanding news events and includes them in her Topic for Conversation. In one day she obtained 10 subscriptions." —Circuit overseer, France.

RETURN VISITS: "During one month I was able to obtain 10 double subscriptions and start two new home Bible studies."—Elder, Federal Republic of Germany.

STREET WITNESSING: "I approached a woman and asked her if she had ever read the magazines. She answered, 'Yes, several months ago.' I used this opportunity to offer the subscription and obtained a double subscription." —Publisher, Federal Republic of Germany.

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS: "Since my auto mechanic was so kind to me, I sent him a gift subscription to show my appreciation. Seven years later not only the mechanic but more than a dozen people have taken a firm stand for the truth."—Publisher, Australia.

FELLOW WORKERS: "One brother obtained 41 subscriptions in one month at his place of work. His presentation was simple, merely asking his co-workers if they liked good reading material. If the answer was in the affirmative, he offered the subscription."—Publisher, Brazil.

MAGAZINE ROUTE WITNESSING: "On my magazine route I plant the 'seed' of subscribing in the householder's mind by saying: 'Have you ever thought of a subscription to these two magazines?' And I would mention it each time I would call. Eventually most would subscribe. I average 150 subscriptions a year." —Publisher, United States.

PRACTICAL POINTERS

19 The following suggestions come from around the world. Can you use some of them to good advantage in your local territory?

- Tell how long *you* have been receiving the magazines by mail.—United States.
- Show the inside cover, highlighting the international readership in view of the number of languages and circulation figures.—South Africa.
- Show how articles are continued on successive pages, thereby eliminating the need to search from one page to another, as is the style in many other magazines.—Canada.
- Use tract *Are We Nearing Armageddon?* (*Kingdom News* No. 31), with its illustrations of a paradise earth on page 2 and the magazines on page 3, as a stepping-stone to introducing the subscription offer. —United States.
- Carry with you several different issues, illustrating the variety of subjects covered.—Brazil.
- Take along with you your own personal subscription wrapper with your printed name, showing how they will come through the mail.—Australia.
- Take along your personal copy of *The Watchtower* that is all marked up for the study and read some of the high points that you found to be interesting. Then take a new copy from your bag and offer it.—United States.
- Bring a bound volume on a Bible study or a return visit, explaining that for $3.50 a year they will be getting a 768-page reference, similar to a Bible encyclopedia.—United States.

20 The word "subscription" frightens many householders. They associate that word with "joining" something or with "worldly salesmen and fraud," report a number of Watch Tower branches. Therefore, some Kingdom publishers have found the following expressions advantageous:

- "You will be visited twice a month by a magazine that would be brought to you discreetly by the mailman."—France.
- "You can receive the next 24 issues directly from the publishers by means of mailing."—Nigeria.
- "The magazine will be sent for one year without further obligation. The mailing will stop automatically after one year unless you renew it yourself." —France.
- "I have this magazine posted regularly to my home and have found that it really benefits my whole family. You can order a year's supply of this magazine too."—Australia.
- "You will receive a one-year course in the Bible with printed questions for some of the articles." —United States.

21 The first *Watchtower* subscription campaign began in January 1939. Its goal—100,000 new subscriptions. Was it reached? Yes! The *1940 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* announced 121,073 new subscriptions obtained by 67,229 publishers from 59 countries. Northern Europe more than doubled their subscriptions, prompting this response as reported in the *1940 Yearbook:* "Prior to this campaign we had never imagined it possible to secure *Watchtower* subscriptions in door-to-door work, but the Lord is in charge of his organization and is continually giving us delightful surprises if we but obey the instructions we receive."

22 Can we set our own personal goal? Strive for at least one new subscription per publisher and four per pioneer. Will you do your utmost to let 'wisdom call out' by keeping busy in magazine witnessing? If you do, you will be helping yourself and others to "walk straight in the way of understanding."—Prov. 9:6.

Are You Using the 1983 Calendar?

1 When was the calendar invented? Long before man appeared on the scene! "And God went on to say: 'Let luminaries come to be in the expanse of the heavens to make a division between the day and the night; and they must serve as signs and for seasons and for days and years.'" (Gen. 1:14) Yes, as Jehovah follows a schedule of events, he made it possible for man to do the same. In fact, the verb form of the word calendar refers to entering or scheduling.

A HELP TO IMPROVE FIELD SERVICE

2 The Society has provided us with a beautiful calendar for 1983. Are you using it to schedule your activities? It can help you to reach your personal goal for field service from month to month rather than leaving such to chance. The suggestion has been made to use a few minutes, perhaps at the time of your last family Bible study of the month when all are together, to plan the following month's field service activity. The days and even the number of hours each one plans to use can be penciled in on the calendar. Could such a schedule help you to do more in field service than you are presently doing?

3 When you think about it, are not those hours spent in the preaching and teaching work among the most precious ones of the month? Should not other activities be made to fit around those times especially devoted to Jehovah's service? They represent an important part of our sacred service, our monthly sacrifice of praise offered to him. "For everything there is an appointed time, . . . a time to keep quiet and a time to speak." (Eccl. 3:1, 7) Even less important things are not left to chance, so we should have a planned, scheduled "time to speak" about Jehovah, his Son and his Kingdom. Of course, we should speak about those things at any appropriate time, but we are now concerned with scheduled times for public preaching. A good schedule will help us do what David foretold when he said: "About the glory of your kingship they will talk, and about your mightiness they will speak."—Ps. 145:11.

OTHER USES

4 How else can we use the calendar? We can enter such things as circuit assembly and district convention dates, as well as the dates of approaching visits by traveling overseers. With these events in mind, vacation dates and months for auxiliary pioneering can then be planned. In this way we would not inadvertently schedule things of less importance that would interfere. Making good use of the calendar can help us to "go on walking orderly in this same routine."—Phil. 3:16.

5 The Bible reading schedule for each week is printed on your calendar. Some write in a set time each week to do the reading, and they stick to it. The psalmist suggests that you do Bible reading daily.—Ps. 1:2.

WHAT ABOUT THE PICTURES?

6 Have you taken time to meditate on those beautiful scenes? Do they not give you a feeling of international brotherhood? They remind us of the unexcelled unity that exists in Jehovah's organization as we all do the same work around the earth! Do you have small children? What could you teach them from the pictures about Jehovah's organization and our work? With your help they, too, can come to appreciate the global scope of our work and brotherhood.

7 Have you thought about using the pictures as a basis for informal witnessing? When relatives, neighbors, salespeople or others are in your home, you could call their attention to the pictures and perhaps a conversation about the truth will ensue. They may come to appreciate that we are truly a society of international praisers of our God, Jehovah.

8 Yes, there are a multitude of uses for our 1983 calendar. Does it not keep you more conscious of the yeartext? Have you used it to help keep appointments for return visits or to make special calls on interested persons found in the territory? Do you jot down the hours and minutes you have spent in service so your monthly report will be accurate? You may find yet other theocratic uses for the calendar.

9 Do you have your calendar located in a convenient place? Where it will best serve the family? As a daily reminder of spiritual things, may it help us all to lead well-ordered lives. Jehovah is the great God of order. (1 Cor. 14:33) He wants us to "let all things take place decently and by arrangement." (1 Cor. 14:40) Our beautiful 1983 calendar can help us to do so.

Announcements

- District convention lapel cards in English and Spanish and the plastic holders should be ordered by the congregations on the Literature Order form (S-14). Orders may be sent to the Society after April 1, 1983.
- Literature offer for **April and May**: Subscription to *The Watchtower* for $3.50. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00. *Awake!* subscription may be offered on the same basis. **June and July**: Offer *"Let Your Kingdom Come,"* for 75c. As an alternative, when publishers meet those with a reading problem or parents with young children, offer the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!,* for 25c.
- In the United States the Urdu *Awake!* will *not* be available by distributor orders through the congregations. This announcement supersedes the announcement that appeared in the January 1983 *Our Kingdom Ministry* regarding a number of quarterly editions of *Awake!* that are available by distributors' order.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 13, Di-Eb) —Italian
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Bambara, Chichewa, Kiluba, Korean, Tongan, Tshiluba, Tuvaluan, Ukrainian
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The First to the Corinthians* (single cassette) —French
  - *The Second to the Corinthians, To the Galatians* (single cassette) —French
  - *The First of Peter* through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette) —Finnish
  - *A Revelation to John* (single cassette) —Finnish
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* (four cassettes in album) —Danish, Swedish

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JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	400	132.0	80.3	55.0	6.0
Pios.	23,080	86.3	46.7	33.8	3.6
Aux. Pios.	22,129	60.5	30.7	19.4	1.8
Pubs.	569,384	8.8	6.8	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	614,993				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,682

The total publishers for January is a 5.7-percent increase over last year's average. Compared with January a year ago, 44,745 more publishers reported. The number of regular pioneers is our fifth peak in a row. A new peak of 396,247 home Bible studies was reported, 4 percent better than the previous peak last November. Let us continue to show by our vigorous support of all features of the ministry that we are grateful to Jehovah for speeding up the Kingdom work.—Isa. 60:22.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!:*

April 3: Pages 292* to 300
April 10: Pages 301 to 309*
April 17: Pages 309* to 316#
April 24: Pages 317 to 325#

* To or from subheading.
# Include last paragraph on page.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the *Watchtower* Subscription

1 Have you ever wondered why some publishers have so much success in obtaining subscriptions to *The Watchtower,* while others say, 'I find it difficult to get a subscription'? Do some have more ability? Some may express themselves better than others, but this does not necessarily bring success in obtaining subscriptions. Why not ask yourself, How do I feel about offering a subscription to *The Watchtower?* Your answer to that question may determine how successful you will be. Do you feel more comfortable just offering the magazines or a book and thus limit yourself in this way? If so, it may be that you need to cultivate a more positive attitude toward offering subscriptions.

2 Recognizing a problem is the first step to overcoming it. To cultivate a more positive attitude, talk to those who obtain subscriptions regularly. Note their enthusiasm and the initiative they show in looking for opportunities to offer subscriptions. Recognize how valuable the magazine subscriptions can be in helping others come to know Jehovah. These steps can assist you in successfully proclaiming the good news with the *Watchtower* subscription.

3 Another factor to consider is preparation. Do you have a presentation that will stimulate interest in the *Watchtower* subscription? Are you adaptable? Basically, there are two types of people we confront in our door-to-door ministry: (1) Those who are religious and manifest a belief in the Bible; (2) those who no longer are interested in religion or the Bible. How do you deal with these situations?

SUGGESTED PRESENTATIONS

4 With a religious person you might begin by saying: "It is good to find individuals who are still interested in the Bible. It seems that many consider the Bible as just another book. As a reader of God's Word, what practical benefits has its message brought to your life?" (If householder responds, listen closely and comment on positive points.) You might then comment that while many people read the Bible they fail to benefit because of not understanding what they read, and add: *"The Watchtower* has been of assistance to me in gaining a better understanding of God's Word. In fact, millions have found that it has greatly increased their understanding of the Bible." Then show them an interesting point in the magazine. Conclude by saying: "We are happy to be able to offer a subscription to *The Watchtower,* which would include 24 issues, for only $3.50."

5 What if the person says he is not interested in religion or the Bible? You could reply: "Many people feel that way today. Why do you think this is true?" (Listen carefully and, if possible, make a positive comment on the householder's expressions.) You could then mention that many have lost faith in God and the Bible because of what people do who profess to believe in God. Others have felt that science and its teachings outdate the Bible. You could ask: "Did you ever wonder, though, why the Bible is still the world's best-seller? For over 100 years *The Watchtower* has helped millions to see the value of God's Word. How? By supplying reasonable, practical guidance based on Bible principles." (Direct householder's attention to a specific point in the current magazine.) In conclusion, say: "You can receive 24 future issues of *The Watchtower* through the mail for only $3.50."

6 How will you present the subscription offer? Remember, a positive attitude will contribute to your success.

Special Talk (*Cont'd*)

caping all these things that are destined to occur."—Dan. 11:40; Luke 21:36.

5 The special talk will help us to see how we and others can escape. Help others to see the value of spending 45 minutes learning about "Religion's Time of Judgment." Invite them. Remind them. Bring them.

6 A special announcement that none will want to miss will be made on this occasion. Congregations that are having the visit of the circuit overseer or attending circuit assemblies will have the same announcement made for their benefit as well.

7 As the end of the present ungodly system draws near, Jesus alerts us to keep awake! It is a time "for us to pay more than the usual attention to the things heard." Paul asks the searching question, "How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord?" (Heb. 2:1, 3) Let us all encourage and help one another to be present for the special talk on April 10.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **A brother in Macao obtained 82 new subscriptions in November and 200 in December.**

◆ **Uganda had a district convention with 385 in attendance and 30 baptized, although there were just 182 publishers reporting in December. The brothers were very enthusiastic and appreciative of this convention. It is reported that several had to use more than a whole month's salary for transportation in order to attend.**

◆ **The Philippines reported the highest attendance ever at their 19 district conventions—147,604. The total baptized was 1,554, the largest number on record at a convention series since 1975.**

◆ **The 3,002 publishers in Guadeloupe rejoiced to have 6,008 present for their circuit assemblies in December. A 24-percent increase in Bible studies over the same month a year ago was reported there.**

Question Box

● Should the Theocratic Ministry School be conducted before the Service Meeting on the day that these two meetings are held, or is this left for the elders to decide?

Some elders have written to the Society asking if it is permissible for them to schedule the Service Meeting first on the evening that the Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting are held. Some congregations apparently have made this arrangement. We encourage all congregations to have the Theocratic Ministry School first, followed by the Service Meeting. The way the Service Meetings are outlined in *Our Kingdom Ministry* indicates this preference. The outline shows a song with no prayer at the beginning of the Service Meeting, indicating that this is not expected to be the first meeting for the evening. The outline concludes the Service Meeting with a song and prayer, indicating the close of the program for the day's meeting.

We recognize there may be some advantages to having the Service Meeting first. However, after reviewing various reasons presented, we feel that the arrangement outlined herein is the best overall. We feel that it is best to end the two meetings with the fine encouragement contained in the Service Meeting.

If congregations have arranged to have the Service Meeting first, we encourage them to make adjustments in harmony with what is outlined here. We want to maintain a uniform arrangement wherever this is possible. All should be urged to be in attendance at both meetings. Encourage everyone to be there to share in the opening song and prayer and to remain to benefit from the closing prayer.

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 2-8

Time spent in field service

1. Why is this important?
2. How can it help improve your service?
3. Who benefit when we increase our service?

MAY 9-15

Magazine subscription prospects

1. Where are good prospects found?
2. What articles do you plan to use?
3. What encouragement to subscribe do you give the householder?

MAY 16-22

How does knowing your magazines help you

1. With your presentation?
2. To feature articles suited to householder?
3. To be more enthusiastic?

MAY 23-29

Describe how to witness informally

1. At work.
2. At school.
3. En route to convention.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Are These the Last Days?
Luke 21:10, 11—What Jesus said.
Luke 21:28—We can survive.

Bearing Witness to the Truth

1 Jehovah is "the God of truth." (Ps. 31:5) His Word and his law are truth. The psalmist prayed: "Make me walk in your truth and teach me, for you are my God of salvation." (Ps. 25:5) What a change it would make in this world if everyone spoke the truth and walked in it! There would be no reason for mistrust of one's mate or suspicion that business matters were being misrepresented. Courts would no longer have the tremendous task of trying to determine who is speaking the truth.

2 Especially vital to all of us is knowing the truth found in God's Word, as it holds out the promise of everlasting life. (1 John 5:13) Yet the Roman ruler Pilate seemed so perplexed after listening to Jesus' testimony concerning His Kingdom and the truth that he asked, "What is truth?" (John 18:36-38) Despite the fact that he found no fault with Jesus, he was willing to bow to the pressures of religious opposers of the truth. We certainly do not want to follow his course.

BRINGING TRUTH TO OTHERS

3 Many persons today, like Pilate, do not recognize the testimony of truth when it is presented to them. Others oppose it. But Jesus said that some persons, sheeplike ones, would hear his voice as his message is carried to them by persons of faith. To bring this spiritual freedom and truth to such persons, we need to handle the Word of truth aright.—2 Tim. 2:15.

4 To do this, do you take time to prepare for service? Do you work with others in the field to improve your ability and effectiveness? What can you do to make your presentation more interesting? One thing is to review the Topic for Conversation beforehand or when meeting for service. Then you will know just what to say when you go out. You should have an enthusiastic introduction. Will the presentation appeal to others? Help your family with such preparations also.

OBTAINING SUBSCRIPTIONS

5 Since *The Watchtower* is a primary channel for dispensing the truth to others, we need to be well acquainted with each magazine we present. This means reading it through first and then looking for points we would like to use in the field. In each issue we can find points that tie in with our Topic for

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Our Sacrifices to Jehovah

1 What do we have to offer our Grand Creator? In the days of Israel various sacrifices, or offerings, were presented to Jehovah. There was the communion offering denoting peace with Jehovah. The thanksgiving offering expressed appreciation for God's provisions and loving-kindnesses. Sin offerings were presented for forgiveness of many kinds of sin, while guilt offerings were for special sins by which a person had contracted guilt. The offerings could include a number of things, depending on the reason for the sacrifice and one's personal circumstances. It could be a valuable bull, sheep or goat, or perhaps a turtledove or pigeon. Grain offerings of fine flour or cakes might be offered or perhaps a drink offering. All served to emphasize the need for a favorable relationship with Jehovah.

2 We have this same need today, but since we are no longer under the Law covenant given to the Jews, our sacrifices are of necessity different. As Christians, we are to offer "a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to [God's] name." (Heb. 13:15) We are encouraged "to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Pet. 2:5) What about our sacrifices of praise? Are they acceptable to Jehovah?

3 There are certain things acceptable to Jehovah that all of us can offer. As in the days of Israel, we may have certain material things that can be used to advance the Kingdom interests. (Mark 12:41-44) But whether we have little or much in a material way, we do have time and a certain amount of energy. Also, of importance for all of us is our knowledge and appreciation of the truth. Does our heart motivate us to share this good news with our neighbors? Whether we started in Kingdom service many years ago or just recently, our efforts can be well pleasing to Jehovah. (Matt. 20:1-16) He knows what we can do and is pleased to see us share the good news with others according to our circumstances.—John 15:5.

ENLARGING OUR SERVICE

4 The way to move ahead in the service is to take advantage of the opportunities you have. Are you regularly conducting a study with your family? This will help your

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 1

Song 109

5 min: Welcome and local announcements. Outline field service arrangements for the week. (1 Tim. 2:7) Mention importance of turning in field reports promptly.

20 min: Review of "Bearing Witness to the Truth." A talk on opening three paragraphs can serve as an introduction to the part, with the balance being covered by questions and answers. In conclusion, report number of subscriptions obtained during April and, as time permits, briefly interview some who obtained subscriptions.

20 min: Our United Efforts in Accomplishing Our Ministry. Handled by elder as outlined in Society's letter of February 1, 1983.

Song 16 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 8

Song 81

7 min: Local announcements, including congregation field report for April, national report for February and accounts report.

20 min: Question-and-answer coverage of "Presenting the Good News—By Developing Magazine Routes." Include brief interviews with any in the congregation who have magazine routes. For paragraph 7, have two publishers who do well in the magazine work discuss briefly the article in each current magazine that they plan to highlight. Then demonstrate presentation in paragraph as a return visit on a person who took the magazines. Encourage support for second Saturday magazine activity.

18 min: Handling the Word of Truth Aright. After book study elder discusses with publishers need for personal research and study in order to be able to handle 'the Word of truth aright.' (2 Tim. 2:15) He has heard that the brothers at the Society's office are getting an increasing number of phone calls and letters asking Bible questions, when oftentimes a little research in the indexes would provide the answers to these questions. Imagine the problem if each of the approximately 600,000 publishers in the United States would write in, asking just one question a year! Good to do personal research or ask help of husband, study conductor or another elder, if necessary. Sister mentions she has trouble finding answers to questions. Group mentions *Aid* book as good source or *Watch Tower Publications Index* if specific scripture is involved. Another asks about smoking; not mentioned in *Aid* book or referred to in Scripture, as it was not a practice in Bible days. Brother explains principles to be found in *Index* under that topic. Mentions 1976-1980 *Index* reference, under subhead "addiction," to January 8, 1978, *Awake!*, pages 27-8; briefly discusses key scriptures. Group agrees it is satisfying to do own research and do want to save brothers at the Society unnecessary questions if they can find the answer themselves. Encourage use of congregation library if publications not available at home. Conclude with audience review of Question Box.

Song 63 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 15

Song 116

5 min: Local and *Our Kingdom Ministry* Announcements.

15 min: Consideration of "Our Sacrifices to Jehovah." May wish to cover first three paragraphs as introductory talk and then handle remainder with audience discussion.

25 min: Discussion of "1983 'Kingdom Unity' District Convention" insert from beginning to section on "Fine Conduct" on page 4, column 2. Read key paragraphs if time permits. Stress importance of making arrangements now to attend so as to enjoy spiritual benefits. Encourage all in congregation to set good example by following recommendations on conduct and listening intently.

Song 5 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 22

Song 85

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage magazine distribution fourth Saturday in month. Highlight one article in each of current magazines that would make good talking point for magazine distribution. Encourage all, including interested persons and Bible students, to attend Congregation Book Study regularly and enjoy study of *Live Forever* book. Especially encourage families to help children prepare to share in book study.—Deut. 6:6, 7.

25 min: Audience discussion of balance of convention insert from "Fine Conduct" to conclusion, including "District Convention Reminders." If any in congregation foresee problems in getting to entire convention, encourage them to talk with others to see if arrangements might be made so that no one will miss any of this fine spiritual provision from Jehovah.

12 min: "Auxiliary Pioneering —A Stepping-Stone." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 2, ask audience to comment on how auxiliary pioneering has personally benefited them in their field ministry.

Song 36 and concluding prayer.

Bearing Witness *(Cont'd)*

Conversation. If the scriptures we use are mentioned in an article, we have a natural and effective bridge for our presentation.

[6] We must stimulate the householder's interest in taking a subscription. Telling why *we* find the magazine interesting and of value may help the person to decide that he would also benefit from receiving this fine spiritual material. Is the person religiously inclined? Does he believe the Bible or perhaps attend church? Then he should find the material in *The Watchtower* enlightening, faith-strengthening and revealing. On the other hand, many people believe in God but are not associated with any religious group. They may have been disappointed by what they saw in organized religion. *The Watchtower* will appeal also to them.

[7] It shows that false religion is a divisive force but that following the teachings of the Bible unites people of all races. Additionally, it holds out the hope of a united world by means of God's heavenly Kingdom. It does not present a false hope of converting the world. Neither does it advocate a "kingdom" of faith found only in the heart of believers and without impact on others.

[8] Yes, *The Watchtower* covers a wide range of Scriptural topics. It has helped many of its readers to make over their personalities. It is our hope that by offering the yearly subscription of 24 issues for $3.50 ($2.00 for monthly issues), we may help many more to know and accept the truth of God's Word. As we appeal to Jehovah to send out the light and truth to others, let us take every opportunity to bear witness to the truth by offering this fine source of truth and encouragement to them.—Ps. 43:3.

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1983 "KINGDOM UNITY" DISTRICT CONVENTION

Portions of the Program to Be Heard From Key Cities

How appropriate that the theme of the district convention this year is "Kingdom Unity." In Micah 2:12, God declared: "In unity I shall set them, like a flock in the pen." Unquestionably, Jehovah is directing and unifying his people through the Fine Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Time and again observers have noted the Christian unity of Jehovah's Witnesses. It stands out in sharp contrast to Satan's disunited, dying system. For example, the Brazilian newspaper *O Tempo* reported: "Although there are many imposing religions . . . there does not exist a single one on the face of the earth today that shows the same love and unity as the theocratic organization of Jehovah's Witnesses." And our yeartext reminds us that love is 'our perfect bond of union,' a union that embraces the entire association of our brothers throughout the world. (Col. 3:14; 1 Pet. 2:17) At this year's conventions love will add strength to our unity, making it stand out.

AN ADDED FEATURE: An added feature to enhance the convention theme is the arrangement for all conventions to be tied in by telephone wire to a key city at certain times. Each week at conventions in the United States and Canada all assembled will be united as one throng in listening to portions of the program originating in a key city. In each of the six successive weeks that conventions are scheduled, there will be days when Jehovah's people will have opportunity to hear certain talks by members of the Governing Body who will speak from a key city.

No matter which convention your circuit has been assigned to attend, you will be able to benefit from some program parts presented by these brothers from the Brooklyn headquarters. When you attend your convention, you will learn which is the key city for that week when the program comes through. There is no need to write the Society about this matter.

As you know, provision is being made for missionaries to visit their home country and to attend a district convention with their families and friends. A special part on the program will deal with their activities. Even though there may not be any missionaries personally present at the convention you attend, there will still be opportunity to hear something on the program regarding the fine work missionaries are doing. In many places, however, missionaries will be invited to share their experiences. This will add further interest to the program.

Our Kingdom Ministry for January 1983 provided a complete list of convention dates and locations. The procedure for obtaining rooming accommodations was also outlined. Will you be there? Again, this year we eagerly anticipate gathering together to worship Jehovah at our "Kingdom Unity" District Convention. As King David stated in Psalm 133:1, it is "good" and "pleasant" that we do so.

ATTEND ALL FOUR DAYS: Psalm 119:33 expresses the fervent prayer: "Instruct me, O Jehovah, in the way of your regulations, that I may observe it down to the last." Surely, these words reflect the sentiments of all of Jehovah's dedicated servants. "The faithful and discreet slave" has scheduled four days in which Jehovah's "regulations" will be discussed and demonstrated. Will you be seated and attentive during all the sessions from the opening song and prayer on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. to the concluding prayer on Sunday afternoon? No one would want to miss any of the convention program. It would be incorrect to conclude that any day or even a part of a day would be less important than the rest. The entire four days should be regarded as a complete theocratic meal, *all* of which is needed for our spiritual health and growth.

Many will have to make adjustments in their weekly schedule in order to be present for the entire convention. This may mean requesting time off from your secular employment or taking vacation time.

For many, some effort and sacrifices will be required to attend a district convention. One brother who traveled to the convention last summer with his family wrote: "We drove 400 miles to our convention, spent a considerable amount of money and made many sacrifices, yet we felt the blessings we received were 100 times greater than anything it took to be there." Every effort should be made so that none in the family will miss any of the program. Understandably, there may be extenuating circumstances preventing a few from attending all four days, but in such cases, it would be a loving gesture if some would share the high points with them.

We again urge you, please attend the convention to which you are assigned when this is possible. Some convention sites may appear more desirable because of being located in a scenic area or because the facilities themselves may appear to be better. But considerable work and planning are put forth by the Society and the brothers locally to see that there are adequate seating, literature and food for everyone. In some instances in the past, hardships were created when more people than expected attended a convention outside their assigned area.

INTENT LISTENING BRINGS BLESSINGS: In Isaiah 55:2 Jehovah commanded Israel: "Listen intently to me." The word "intent" is defined as "directed with strained or eager attention." Israel had good reason to listen intently because Jehovah was directing a message of liberation that was like nourishing food and refreshing drink. The message Jehovah has for his people today is of no less value. In reality it is even more precious because it is a message dealing with life everlasting. Who does not want to have understanding of Jehovah's purposes for mankind? If we are attentive during the convention we will eagerly "listen and take in more instruction." (Prov. 1:5) To listen and to learn at a district convention usually takes more effort and concentration than it does at the Kingdom Hall. You are sitting for longer periods of time and there are more distractions. What can be done?

We need to remember our purpose in attending the convention. Because it involves a sacrifice of time and finances to be present, would it not be sensible to benefit fully from this expenditure? No question about it! To this end, would it not be advisable to arrive early, take care of any matters that need attention, such as obtaining convention tickets and literature, and then be seated when the program begins? This will leave you relaxed, with your mind uncluttered with concern over matters not related to the program. There is also no substitute for an adequate night's rest. Convention time affords a good opportunity to renew friendships, but if we choose to do this by visiting late into the night, would we be alert enough the next day to "listen intently"? We may struggle just to keep awake. A good night's sleep will make concentration easier. As you listen, weigh the information being presented. In your mind, compare it with what you already know. Taking *brief* notes will also help because if you try to write down too much, you may miss important points.

Parents with small children face an additional challenge to good concentration. It is usually more difficult for the little ones to sit for several hours. They are naturally more restless. The result is that their parents and, at times, others around them are distracted. And yet, it has been observed that some children, even of preschool age, will sit quietly through most of the program. What is the secret? Unquestionably, it is proper training at home and in the Kingdom Hall. Parents who have deep respect for the spiritual food coming from the platform will make every effort to instill this same respect and appreciation in their youngsters. Children can be trained to sit still at home and also through congregation meetings without needlessly going to the restroom. This good training will produce dividends at the convention in that both parents and children will benefit from the program. The naturally shorter attention span of children can be improved if parents suggest that their children take notes of Scripture citations on a writing pad rather than allowing them to draw pictures. Of course, there will be times when parents have to leave their seats to take a child to the restroom or even to administer discipline. Please do this as quietly as possible.

CHRISTIAN MANNERS, A MARK OF LOVE: The good conduct and manners of Jehovah's Witnesses have often been commented on by others and this has been especially true with regard to our large conventions. One manager of a civic center stated: "This letter is to tell you how pleasant it was having the Jehovah's Witness convention here . . . I had been told in advance how organized and how clean the group would be and they certainly lived up to all their advance publicity. I do not believe I have worked with a group of people more willing to cooperate on all matters, whether small or large." Our good reputation for fine Christian manners even compelled one principal of a school, where quite a few young Witnesses are students, to send a bulletin to his staff of teachers suggesting that, if necessary, they reschedule their final exams for the Witness children who were planning to attend one of the earlier conventions.

However, it is evident from reports received from different parts of the country that there is still room for improvement. The problem of seat saving persists. The brother quoted earlier who drove 400 miles to the convention and made many sacrifices also stated: "Yet, I was deeply troubled by the problem of seat saving." Another brother writing about the same matter mentioned that this has always been a problem, but "this year, I believe, was probably the worst!" Some brothers reported that they arrived early for the convention with their families, only to find that most of the seats were already saved. In many cases one person would arrive when the building opened and save entire rows of seats for his family and friends who would sleep late. Another brother who observed someone saving seats mentioned that the only reason more seats were not saved was because the person ran out of items to place on the chairs. Remember the newspaper writer from Brazil who praised the "love and unity" of Jehovah's Witnesses? Love has been defined as a perfect expression of unselfishness. Christ Jesus also revealed that unselfish love would be a primary means of identifying his disciples. (John 13:35) Is the saving of large numbers of seats a good example of this godlike love in action? And when you think about it, when a person attends a sports event his admission fee entitles him to occupy just one seat. Since the Society organizes and pays for the convention facilities, do we even have the right to save seats that we will not occupy ourselves? Some of the saved seats were never occupied, and when the attendants attempted to fill them they met with some resistance. We are asking that you please cooperate with the attendants who have been assigned by the convention organization to try to find seats for everyone as well as to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning. Would we not thus be following the golden rule?—Matt. 7:12.

FINE CONDUCT: First Peter 2:12 counsels: "Maintain your conduct *fine* among the nations." In the past it has been necessary to bring to our attention that there was room for improvement in our conduct at hotels, motels and restaurants. We are happy to say that favorable reports have been received in this connection. In fact, a newspaper in one convention city reported: "Women wearing dresses and looking like women. Men with neat looking haircuts, wearing suits and ties and looking respectable. Husbands arm and arm with their own wives. Parents and children together as families. Children obeying their parents, and not being disrespectful or destructive. People carrying Bibles, instead of knives or switchblades. No stealing or shop-lifting." Indeed, this was a fine report, and we found it encouraging.

Nevertheless, some information has come to our attention from brothers involved in convention organization that there is still need for us to work on our conduct at conventions. Children have not always been kept under control while staying in motels, and some have shown a lack of respect for private property. This has also been true regarding the convention facilities themselves. One report from the convention organization stated: "It makes it very difficult for us to build a good name as Jehovah's Witnesses when our children are making it difficult for the motels in the convention city." One motel had to close its pool because it was no longer suitable for use after some Witness children had been in it most of the day.

Likewise, we continually need to be conscious of our attire during the convention. It has been observed that some have been dressed quite casually, as though on a picnic or outing. The same casual clothing is worn by some even while visiting the Society's branch offices. Surely we should dress appropriately for the occasion!

The wise man said: "For everything there is an appointed time, . . . a time to keep quiet and a time to speak." (Eccl. 3:1, 7) During the program is the time to be quiet. Some conventions reported excessive noise and talking during the sessions. This has occurred in the corridors as well as in the auditorium. Some were talking loudly to those near them, disturbing others in the area who were trying to listen to the program. Both youngsters and adults have been involved. Along with the conversation, there was, at times, the passing of food and drink to friends and family sitting nearby. Sometimes the conversation and the movements in the corridors became so loud that those seated near the back or the exits had difficulty hearing the program. One brother wrote: "We were not able to hear much because people were talking and walking around. There was a brother in the back row talking all through the assembly." Another: "It seems that many did not take to heart the counsel given in the chairman's talk about needless walking and talking in the hallway." Attendants had limited success in their efforts to curtail unnecessary activity in the hallways.

Wrote the apostle Paul: "Let each one keep seeking, not his own advantage, but that of the other person." (1 Cor. 10:24) There will be times when children become restless, and babies will cry when they are uncomfortable. In harmony with the Biblical principle, would you not be seeking the other person's advantage by not permitting the child to disturb those around you? This may require leaving your seat temporarily, but, unquestionably, others who are trying to hear will be grateful for your thoughtfulness.

FIELD SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS: We are pleased to inform you that there will be special field service arrangements on Thursday afternoon, immediately following the session. Even before leaving for the convention, why not make definite plans to participate in the ministry? Besides the fine witness that will be given in the convention city, devoting some time to the field service will heighten your enthusiasm for the entire program. It would be to your advantage if you would *pick up territory as soon as you arrive* rather than waiting until the Thursday afternoon session has concluded. Car groups should also be organized so that no time will be lost. Publishers should bring their own magazines for use in the field as there will be only a limited supply at the convention.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: At times, managers of buildings we use for our conventions and other observers have commented on how hard everyone works to make the convention run smoothly. The manager of the civic center referred to earlier was pleased to "work with a group of people . . . willing to cooperate on all matters." We are again inviting those who would be able to spend at least some time during the convention in volunteer service to do so. There is a greater feeling of satisfaction that comes to anyone who has contributed some of his time and talents to making the convention a success. Whatever work you are privileged to do, such as in keeping the convention facilities clean, you would want to do so eagerly, reflecting the good example that Jesus set at John 13:14-17.

Have you considered volunteering as a family? This has proved to be an excellent idea. The entire family is able to work together and even those under 16 years of age can have a share, which would not be possible if they were by themselves.

As in the past, convention departments will be requesting brothers locally to volunteer ahead of time. Usually this does not fill all the convention needs for volunteers. The larger departments, such as food service and cleaning, are often in need of additional help. This is where others with a willing spirit can have a small share in making the convention a success. Your congregation's convention coordinator will be notified in time as to which departments need additional help, and he will share this with the congregation.

FOOD NEEDS: One feature of a district convention that we always appreciate is the availability of food and drink, usually served in the same building where the program originates. This not only makes it convenient but also saves us the time it would take to travel to a restaurant. We are also afforded the opportunity of enjoying fellowship with our brothers between the sessions.

Do we not appreciate the hard work of the brothers in the Food Service Department, providing us with adequate meals at a reasonable cost?

Convention tickets to purchase food and drink come in sheets worth $1 each. Tickets will be available in advance at your congregation. We suggest that you estimate your needs ahead of time and purchase the tickets you will need for the first two or three days. Surplus food sales will also be held at the conclusion of the convention. You may use your tickets to purchase any of the surplus items.

Truly we are the most blessed people on the earth today. Soon we will have the joy of gathering again with thousands of our brothers and sisters at the "Kingdom Unity" District Convention. The words of David at Psalm 122:1 express our feelings when he said: "I rejoiced when they were saying to me: 'To the house of Jehovah let us go.'" May we recognize these conventions for what they are—a loving arrangement of our heavenly Father to strengthen and fortify us through the final days of this present system. Who would consider missing any of the spiritual gifts that Jehovah has in store for us? During our presence in the convention city and while traveling, we never want to forget that our good conduct will reflect directly on the God we worship. The motivation with which we are clothed is our deep love for Jehovah and for our brothers. May it continually prove to be "a perfect bond of union."—Col. 3:14.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention in selecting your rooms is very much appreciated. If you have not already made a reservation and forwarded a deposit, it is necessary to do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request Forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations selected from the listing, you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the special needs arrangement, you should notify both the landlord or hotel/motel and the convention Rooming Department so the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon your request, available information on any commercial trailer and camping facilities in the convention area. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

BAPTISM: At most locations, the talk for baptismal candidates will be on Saturday morning. Those who wish to symbolize their dedication by water baptism should have reviewed the questions with elders in their congregation prior to the convention. A bathing suit and towel should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows appreciation to be in our seats when the program begins. In all convention cities the program will begin with song and prayer on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Late Thursday afternoon will be set aside for a special effort in field service and so the sessions will conclude by 4:30 p.m. In the Central and Mountain time zones the program on Friday will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:50 p.m. On Saturday it will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. In the Eastern time zone the program on Friday and Saturday will begin at 10:20 a.m. and conclude at 5:50 p.m. on Friday and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. In the Pacific time zone the program on Friday and Saturday will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:20 p.m. on Friday and 4:10 p.m. on Saturday. In all time zones on Sunday the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:10 p.m.

BETHEL AND GILEAD MEETINGS: A meeting will be held on Friday for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service. There will be a meeting on Saturday for any dedicated publishers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and who would like to enter Bethel service. Check the program at the convention city for the exact times and locations of these meetings.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers as well as traveling overseers will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Those on the list for six months at the time of the district convention they attend may receive $15 worth of convention tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card at that one convention only. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any free releases or other literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only upon showing their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card. Those in Bethel service may obtain any free releases or other literature at pioneer rates at the bookroom by showing their Bethel Identification card.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention as well as to facilitate identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, please *wear* the lapel card at the convention and also while traveling to and from the convention site. Not only is the card a fine means of identification but it so often results in giving a fine witness while traveling. You should obtain these through your congregation as they will *not* be available at the conventions. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 10c each.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions.

Announcements

- Beginning the week of June 5, 1983, and continuing through the week of December 25, 1983, the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* is to be studied at Congregation Book Studies.
- If the brother who receives shipments of distributors' magazines will be away temporarily for any reason, he should notify the local Post Office and make arrangements for shipments to be properly handled in his absence. This will prevent delays in delivery or having shipments returned to the Society marked "Unclaimed."
- No break was scheduled for Congregation Book Studies during the convention week. However, the material scheduled for that week may be split so that half of it is studied the week prior to the convention and the other half the week following, in addition to the material scheduled for those particular weeks. If necessary, the reading of the paragraphs may be omitted during these two studies in order to cover the material.
- Literature offer for **May**: *Watchtower* subscription for one year, $3.50. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00 each. **June and July**: The book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* may be offered for 75c. Otherwise, any 192-page book may be placed. When publishers meet individuals with limited education, foreign-speaking persons or parents with young children, the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* may be offered for 25c. **August**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, for $2.50. If this is not available, *My Book of Bible Stories* may be used.
- Selective service regulations require that all men register for the draft when reaching 18 years of age. All of those required to do so should take care of this matter promptly, viewing it as a Christian's obligation to the superior authorities. Elders will want to have in mind when young brothers are nearing the age of 18 and give them appropriate reminders. Questions as to the young Christian's responsibilities in this regard may be answered by the elders.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 14, Ec-El) —Italian
  - *Happiness—How to Find It* —Indonesian, Swahili
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Wallisian
  - *Are We Nearing Armageddon?* (*Kingdom News* No. 31) —Portuguese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The Good News According to Luke* (set of three) —Spanish
  - *To the Romans* (single cassette) —German
  - *To the Hebrews, The Letter of James* (single cassette) —Spanish
  - *The First of Peter* through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette) —Spanish
  - *A Revelation to John* (set of two) —Spanish
  - *Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah*—Drama (single cassette) —Indonesian

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Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!*:

May 1: Pages 326 to 335*
May 8: Pages 335* to 344#
May 15: Pages 345 to 352#
May 22: Pages 353 to 361*
May 29: Pages 361* to 371

* To or from subheading.
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Auxiliary Pioneering—A Stepping-Stone

[1] A stepping-stone can be very helpful for one to reach a desired place. Stepping-stones may help you to cross a stream or lead you to a beautiful spot in a garden or a park. *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* defines "stepping-stone" as "a means of progress or advancement." Could serving as an auxiliary pioneer be a stepping-stone in your theocratic advancement?

[2] As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, undoubtedly you are interested in advancing spiritually, making your progress manifest. (1 Tim. 4:15) In this regard, do you feel the need to strengthen your faith and draw closer to Jehovah? Would you like to handle the Bible with greater ease and be more confident in making door-to-door presentations? Would you like to conduct more Bible studies? Are you reaching out to become a ministerial servant or an elder? Or have you ever seriously thought about serving as a regular pioneer, a missionary or a member of the Bethel family? Auxiliary pioneering can be a stepping-stone to help you make your progress manifest. How?

HOW CAN IT HELP YOU?

[3] *Enjoy greater spirituality*. Auxiliary pioneering will increase the time you spend *talking about God*. What effect can this have on you? One auxiliary pioneer said: "I am filled with joy, rejoicing, happiness, contentment, a sense of satisfaction, encouragement." Another young auxiliary pioneer said: "I have just got baptized. I encourage all the young ones to draw closer to Jehovah." She was able to start many studies. There is no question about it, the more you talk about Jehovah and the more you read from his Word, the more spiritually minded you become. Auxiliary pioneer service will help you advance in spirituality.—Ps. 119:97-100.

[4] *Conduct more Bible studies*. Part of our service to Jehovah includes making disciples. This is primarily done by means of Bible studies. Therefore all should be interested in conducting Bible studies. Auxiliary pioneer service can help you. A congregation recently reported that out of 61 publishers, 38 served as auxiliary pioneers in one month. The result? A total of 66 new studies were started! One auxiliary pioneer said: "I feel very happy because I am doing something Jehovah is pleased with. I started five new studies." Another stated: "For the first time I have two studies. I give thanks to Jehovah who has helped me to cultivate the love needed to help people." Regularly going in service will undoubtedly give you the opportunity to find honest-hearted ones who would like to study the Bible.

[5] *Reach out to serve as a ministerial servant or an elder*. Those who serve as elders and ministerial servants should take the lead in field service and should know how to deal with people. Meeting all kinds of individuals in field service will help you develop qualities such as patience, good judgment, reasonableness and especially the art of teaching. Learning to use the Bible effectively will be especially helpful to those serving in a position of oversight. Auxiliary pioneer service will assist brothers advancing toward this privilege of service.

[6] *Reach out for other fields of full-time service*. The experience you gain as an auxiliary pioneer can be very valuable training leading into regular pioneering or Bethel service. Many who are now in missionary service or special pioneer work started as auxiliary pioneers. Auxiliary pioneer service can help you see how to schedule your time most efficiently. You too can learn to arrange your personal affairs to qualify for full-time service privileges. Have you thought about reaching out for a career in full-time service? Auxiliary pioneer service can be the stepping-stone.

[7] *Draw close to Jehovah with strong faith*. In this day and age we cannot consider lightly the need to be strong in the faith and close to Jehovah. Auxiliary pioneering will help keep you from slipping off into the "torrent" of this wicked world by filling your time with wholesome and righteous works. Take advantage of this provision because 'the drawing near to God is good for you. In the Sovereign Lord Jehovah you have placed your refuge, to declare all his works.'—Ps. 73:28.

[8] May your desire to progress in Jehovah's service be accomplished. Prayerfully consider auxiliary pioneer service as a stepping-stone for further advancement in doing his will.—1 Cor. 15:58.

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	377	130.7	84.4	54.8	6.2
Pios.	23,192	81.3	45.2	31.6	3.7
Aux. Pios.	17,332	59.3	30.3	19.5	1.9
Pubs.	573,734	8.4	6.5	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	614,635				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,980

Another peak in regular pioneers—our sixth in a row—was reached in February. Another cause for rejoicing is the new peak of 402,599 home Bible studies reported in February. This is 6,352 more than the preceding peak in January. The total publishers for February is only 358 below January's peak. Continue to move forward in Kingdom activity so that many more will yet be made glad and also join us in praising Jehovah.—Rom. 14:10, 11.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Developing Magazine Routes

1 Jesus' famous words "Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through Jehovah's mouth" help us appreciate that we need spiritual food not just occasionally but on a regular basis. Consequently, our regularly providing people in the territory with spiritual food is essential to their spiritual development and growth. —Matt. 4:4; 1 Cor. 3:6.

2 Some have found that a magazine route helps to develop the interest of sheeplike ones, moving them to feed on God's Word regularly. This has proved to be very effective in business territories where an extensive witness cannot be given. Where mail service is unreliable and people are reluctant to subscribe, magazine routes have been the answer. There are many good reasons to give serious consideration to developing a magazine route.

HOW TO DEVELOP A MAGAZINE ROUTE

3 First, develop the *habit* of keeping a good house-to-house record. Write down ALL magazine placements when in door-to-door work. When working business territory, write down the person's name, the address where he works and, if an office building, the floor, the room number, and so forth.

4 The information on your house-to-house record will help you to determine the order in which to make the return visits. This will cut down on needless walking or traveling between calls and will save you time. Your record of placements will also help you to determine the issues and quantity of magazines you will need each time that you make your route calls.

5 What else is required for successful magazine-route work? Review your house-to-house record and determine which articles you are going to feature. Think in terms of what will appeal to each householder. For example, if you spoke with a young person, you may want to use the series "Young People Ask . . . ."

6 Magazine-route calls should be made every two weeks. Not all calls will develop into route calls. However, some will be glad to see you again. Do not get discouraged if you have only a few names at first. As time goes by, you will eliminate those who do not want to receive the magazines regularly and you will add new ones who show interest.—Eccl. 11:6.

HOW TO PRESENT THE MAGAZINES

7 Generally it is best to be brief and call the householder's attention to one article *only*. This is especially important in business territory. You may simply say: "I am glad to see you again. The latest *Watchtower* and *Awake!* have arrived and I am pleased to bring your copies for the usual contribution. I thought you would be particularly interested in reading this article. [Point to article.] If you have some questions on the information, I will be glad to discuss them with you on my next call." Cultivating interest in this way may result in a home Bible study.

8 How thankful we are that we have such marvelous instruments as *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for helping people become disciples of Christ! May we regularly feed honest-hearted ones the truth of God's Word by developing magazine routes in our territories.

Question Box

● When and how should Scriptural questions be referred to the Society?

Every year the Society's office in Brooklyn receives thousands of questions on various matters or requests for counsel in dealing with problems. These are received by letter as well as by telephone. We are pleased to be of help to our brothers in time of need. However, this puts a heavy burden on our office force. Many of the questions received deal with matters treated quite thoroughly in our literature, and many problems presented could often be cared for best by local elders acquainted with local circumstances.—1 Pet. 1:10.

Therefore we recommend that when you have a question you first look up the matter in the Society's publications by using the subject and Scripture sections in the *Watch Tower Publications Index* or approach a local elder with your question. Further, when you have a problem on which you need counsel, it would be advisable first to seek counsel from the local elders. If your efforts in this regard do not provide you with the needed explanation or counsel, then you may direct the matter to our office. This should preferably be done by a letter in which you state all the facts clearly. Please do not use the telephone unless it is a very urgent matter.

You may wish to refer to the Question Box in the *Kingdom Ministry* of October 1974, if available, for additional comments on the question: "How can we get help to solve a personal problem?"

Our Sacrifices (*Cont'd*)

children get firmly set on the way to life. But if your service is primarily limited to the family study, what about others who may be lovers of righteousness? Can you help them also by having a larger share in the public ministry? (Rom. 10:14, 15) You will find much joy as you reach out to bring the good news to others in your area. And having started, look for ways to enlarge your service. We all know that the more we do, the greater the results will be. Are you satisfied that your present level of activity represents whole-souled service? When you make arrangements for field service, why plan on one hour of service if your circumstances permit you to do more? —Gal. 6:9, 10.

5 In some areas the brothers report that they just get a good start in the service, only to run out of territory. Then what can be done? In city territory, there is usually opportunity to do street work, approaching others with the message. And usually if you plan for it, you will have some return visits or not-at-homes that could be called on. So let us try to extend our service as much as we can. How often have we heard of publishers finding someone really interested when they worked a little longer than they originally planned? One sister missed meeting the group for service altogether, but she did not give up. She started approaching people on the streets, and when she finished a few hours later she found she had done very well, having witnessed to many persons and placed more literature than usual.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

6 Our sacrifices of praise involve not just ourselves but others we can help. Perhaps some of these are persons already coming to the Kingdom Hall. In many congregations there are persons who appreciate the truth and attend meetings quite regularly, yet who have not shared in the field ministry. If you know that they qualify to share in field service, why not encourage them to come along with you? Help them share the desire of the apostle Paul "to walk worthily of Jehovah to the end of fully pleasing him as you go on bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the accurate knowledge of God." (Col. 1:10) This way they can share with you and your family in offering a sacrifice of praise to Jehovah. —Rom. 12:1.

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 30–JUNE 5

When offering *"Kingdom Come"* book, how will you

1. Tie in Topic for Conversation?
2. Illustrate practical value of publication?
3. Use book to start Bible study?

JUNE 6-12

Use of *Life on Earth* brochure

1. When will you offer it?
2. What illustrations will you feature?
3. Suggest ways householder can use it.

JUNE 13-19

How might you start Bible studies

1. Using direct approach?
2. After initial placement?
3. When making return visit?

JUNE 20-26

In magazine activity

1. What article will you feature? Why?
2. How will you present it?

JUNE 27–JULY 3

Informal witnessing

1. Why is it often effective?
2. When can it be done?
3. How do you start a conversation?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Are These the Last Days?

Luke 21:10, 11—What Jesus said.

Luke 21:28—We can survive.

United Supporters of God's Kingdom

1 Our brothers worldwide are united in their support of God's Kingdom. They are not adversely affected by factors that divide worldly groups and organizations, including Christendom. That is why the psalmist stated: "Look! How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1) Jehovah's people today are experiencing this condition, and during June we will have many opportunities to reflect joy in demonstrating our Christian unity.

2 The "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions scheduled for the United States will be held within a six-week period during the months of June and July. By now all of us should have made plans to attend one of these conventions, and we are no doubt anticipating a rich spiritual feast. (Mal. 3:10) Such gatherings will serve to demonstrate that Jehovah's Witnesses are a united people. They also provide occasions for us to strengthen the unity of our Christian brotherhood. While listening to the convention program, make note of suggestions given that will strengthen our brothers worldwide.—Eph. 4:3; 1 Cor. 1:10.

3 Not only do we want to attend the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions but we want our Bible students and other interested persons to attend as well. Would it not be a cause for joy if all of those who were present at the Memorial celebration this year were also in attendance at the conventions this summer? They could observe firsthand the unity of Jehovah's people. They would receive information enabling them to take a definite stand for the truth. This is necessary if they are to become united with God's people in proclaiming the Kingdom message to others.

HAVE FULL SHARE IN FIELD MINISTRY

4 This summer, arrangements will be made for field service on Thursday afternoon, following the conclusion of the session. This will give all the opportunity to share in the field ministry during the early evening. Make plans in advance and invite others to work with you. Family groups especially will want to participate together. Many fine experiences have been enjoyed by those who have shared in it in the past.

5 In addition, look for opportunities to witness while traveling to the convention each day. Talk to others while at hotels or motels,

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'How Will They Hear . . . ?'

1 The greatest worldwide Kingdom proclamation ever undertaken will soon draw to a close. (Matt. 24:3, 14; Mark 13:10) Our times are exciting and marked by a sense of urgency as we accomplish our God-given commission. Our ministry should be both *progressive* and *expansive* as we consider not only the *quality* but also the *quantity* of our service. Why so? Because there are still scores of individuals and families scattered throughout our territories who have not had an opportunity to hear the message of faith. Since "faith follows the thing heard," how appropriate the question: "How, in turn, will they hear without someone to preach?" —Rom. 10:14, 17.

2 A number of congregations have assigned territory that is not frequently worked. It may be in either distant rural areas or nearby city territory. To work such territory may require not only a little more effort and time but also additional expenditure of money. If your congregation has territory that is worked less frequently than desired, what can be done to correct this? How can other congregations and traveling overseers help?

3 With pleasant summer weather ahead, congregations should concentrate on covering all unworked territory. A strong desire to work hard and make careful advance preparation is needed. (Neh. 4:6; 1 Tim. 4:10) Good results are being enjoyed by witnessing with magazines during the late afternoon or early evening hours. Our objective should be to herald the Kingdom message throughout the territory as quickly as possible. Notations can be made only of the interest shown for appropriate follow-through by return visits or letters. Why not organize car groups and plan full days of service, perhaps one weekend out of the month? Get an early start. Driving time can be used to discuss the text and have a practice session along the way. Prepare a lunch to take with you and make the best possible use of the time. Perhaps some could pool their re-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

Note: *Our Kingdom Ministry* will schedule a Service Meeting for each week during the summer. Each congregation may make adjustments to allow for attending the district convention and then for a review of the program highlights on the Service Meeting the following week.

WEEK STARTING MAY 29

Song 28

12 min: Question Box and Announcements. Encourage all families to share in field activity the first Sunday of the month.

8 min: "Drinking—Do You Share the Bible's View?" Talk by qualified elder based on April 15, 1983, *Watchtower,* pages 25-27.

10 min: "An Excellent Provision." Enthusiastic discussion between book study conductor and assistant. Encourage all to prepare diligently for each study and attend regularly. Encourage congregation to invite newly interested ones. Briefly incorporate suggestions from *School Guidebook,* page 36, paragraph 11.

15 min: "'How Will They Hear . . . ?'" Questions and answers. Allow time to read and discuss key scriptures and selected paragraphs.

Song 31 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 5

Song 38

8 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

10 min: Since many will be attending the district convention or otherwise traveling, it is a good time to look for opportunities to do informal witnessing. Mention various situations and suggest what type of approach might get good results. (See *1983 Yearbook,* pages 169, 170.) Relate one or two local experiences. Take literature with you so you will have it available. Be sure to note time spent and placements so it can be reported at the end of the month.

15 min: "United Supporters of God's Kingdom." Questions and answers. When considering paragraphs 4 and 5, encourage the congregation to relate personal experiences resulting from sharing in formal and informal witnessing while attending conventions.

12 min: "Put It in *Writing!*" Discussion between two elders based on February 8, 1983, *Awake!* article. Highlight need for all to follow this direction. Encourage all to participate in magazine activity on Saturday, as this will be second Saturday of month. Announce other field service arrangements.

Song 57 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 12

Song 60

5 min: Local announcements.

20 min: Consider material in book *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry,* from subheading on page 8 to end of chapter on page 12. Questions and answers.

12 min: Assist Those Who Have Disfellowshipped Relatives. Talk by qualified elder based on "Questions From Readers," January 1, 1983, *Watchtower,* pages 30 and 31. Highlight need to lovingly encourage faithful family members of disfellowshipped persons. They have special need.

8 min: Consider experiences local publishers and pioneers have had in placing *"Kingdom Come"* book and new brochure. Encourage youths who are now on summer vacation from school to arrange to have a full share in the field service. Some may be able to auxiliary pioneer. Review local arrangements for weekend field service.

Song 77 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 19

Song 96

12 min: Local announcements. "Were You There?" Talk based on May 15, 1983, *Watchtower* related to district conventions in the southern hemisphere and elsewhere.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Goal of Starting Studies." Question-and-answer discussion. On paragraph 7, arrange for a brief demonstration to show how a study might be started using the *Live Forever* book. If time permits, include an experience showing how a former opposer finally demonstrated interest.

10 min: Prepare locally according to needs or consider "Young People Ask . . . Does It Really Matter What I Wear?" from December 22, 1982, *Awake!* pages 13-15. Show how Bible principles discussed can be applied by both young and old.

8 min: Encourage support for magazine work on the fourth Saturday. Briefly mention some articles that might be featured in either the June 15 *Watchtower* or June 22 *Awake!*

Song 110 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 26

Song 97

8 min: Local announcements. Remind congregation to prepare for family witnessing on first Sunday of the month.

15 min: Making Good Use of Our Magazines. Talk and audience discussion. Compare congregation's average monthly magazine placements with number of magazines ordered. Are magazines piling up in the congregation or at home? Discuss variety of contributing factors: need to review quantity ordered, failure of publishers to pick up magazines. Emphasize the importance of each one getting out in the field service regularly and enthusiastically offering the magazines at every door.

10 min: "What's Happening With Video Games?" Family discussion of November 8, 1982, *Awake!*

12 min: Be Ready to Give an Answer. Discuss and demonstrate common objections met in the field. We should not be easily dissuaded from our purpose in sharing life-giving message of truth. After entertaining audience comments, have well-prepared demonstration of practical suggestions. Include brief experiences of good results in overcoming objections.

Song 68 and concluding prayer.

United Supporters *(Cont'd)*

restaurants, or on other occasions. Carry an extra supply of books, magazines and tracts with you for use when interested persons are contacted. If you will be attending a convention near the end of the month, be sure to report your field service activity promptly to your home congregation.

6 During the months of June and July we will be offering the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* As you will recall, this publication was considered at the Congregation Book Studies during the first six months of 1982. It contains information that will acquaint honest-hearted persons with God's Kingdom and the blessings that it will bring to mankind in the near future. If we meet persons with limited education, individuals who speak foreign languages or parents with young children, the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever* may also be offered. Plan to have a full share in the door-to-door work during the month, directing interested persons to the Kingdom hope.

7 June will prove to be a full month of activity. May we make good use of the time, whether we are assembled together with those of like faith or participating in the field ministry. We will want to demonstrate the spirit of true Christian unity and brotherhood as we work shoulder to shoulder in loyally supporting Jehovah's Kingdom. The results will be truly rewarding!

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- Literature offer for **August and September**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for $2.50. If this is not available, use *My Book of Bible Stories* or any other book currently in stock.

- Presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation accounts on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

- One of the dramas to be presented at the "Kingdom Unity" District Convention is based on Nehemiah, chapters 1-6. It is suggested that everyone read that material in preparation for the drama.

- New Publications Available:
  My Book of Bible Stories —Irish, Kosraean, Ponapean
  Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry —English, Spanish
  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1982 —English
  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Korean

- Available Again in U.S.A.:
  Aid to Bible Understanding (A-Z) —English

- New Cassette Recordings Available:
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  My Book of Bible Stories (four cassettes in album; congregation and public: $8; pioneers: $6) —French, Spanish

- Pressure-sensitive labels for identifying *Kingdom Recordings* cassette albums as either "Greek Scriptures" or "Hebrew Scriptures 1" are now available upon written request. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and the two self-adhesive labels will be mailed to you free of charge.

- The Society now has available the following three booklets in grade-two English Braille: *In Search of a Father, From Kurukshetra to Armageddon—And Your Survival,* and *The Time for True Submission to God.* These one-volume booklets may be obtained on a loan basis and returned, or they may be purchased and kept permanently. If purchased, a remittance of $1.00 each should accompany all orders. Send orders for Braille items to the Society's BRAILLE DESK; they are not included on regular congregation literature orders. Braille publications should not be stocked by the congregation.

An Excellent Provision

1 The above words fittingly describe not only our new *Live Forever* book but also the timely arrangement to begin considering this material at the Congregation Book Study this month. No doubt all have read the book through. Hundreds of thousands of copies have been placed in the field during the past few months. It is being used effectively in conducting many home Bible studies. How appropriate it is now for this publication to be used in the Congregation Book Study. Everyone is encouraged to attend regularly each week and enthusiastically share in the joyful feast of spiritual good things.—Matt. 5: 3, 6.

2 A reasonable amount of material is being allotted for study each week. This will give everyone, including children, an opportunity to participate freely. Time should be allowed to read and discuss thoroughly some of the key texts. All of us, especially the conductors, should diligently prepare, acquainting ourselves with not merely the answer to each question but also "the reason of things." (Eccl. 7:25) If we do, each week our group study will result in increased knowledge, understanding and faith.—Prov. 14:6; 2 Pet. 1:5.

3 In addition to strengthening our faith, our weekly study will equip us with talking points for use in the field ministry. You may have already developed effective illustrations or enjoyed interesting experiences. At times there may be opportunity to work in helpful field points briefly that will contribute to making the study lively and progressive. The Congregation Book Study should help us to become even more effective teachers. —Compare Proverbs 27:17.

4 The book study is also an excellent provision for acquainting our Bible students with Jehovah's organization. Invite them to attend regularly and experience an interchange of encouragement while also growing in knowledge. (Rom. 1:11, 12; Heb. 10:24, 25) Regular attendance each week will help them to draw closer to the congregation and build faith in God's Word.

5 Consider some of the thought-provoking subjects for discussion: Chapter 1 contrasts life in this dying old system with the beauty of living in Paradise. We are impressed with its reality! Chapter 4 describes in detail the grandeur of Jehovah, the reasonableness of his existence and the magnificence of his personality. Later chapters build on this foundation so that we can develop a personal relationship with Jehovah that will benefit us both now and in the future. This excellent provision will heighten your conviction as to the truths found in the book, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth.*

'Hear . . . ?' *(Cont'd)*

sources, thus sharing the expense so that no one person will be unduly burdened. How fine it is to 'slave for the furtherance of the good news'!—Phil. 2:22.

4 There is also much that you can do to aid congregations in your circuit or neighboring ones. The circuit overseer is responsible for coordinating activity to ensure complete coverage of all territory. If you desire to assist, inform the elders and they can contact the circuit overseer to ascertain where a need exists.

5 All of us can share in this vital work. Families may decide to take a vacation or weekend excursion to an area where the territory needs to be covered. Some car groups might be willing to cover distant areas. Older publishers can be invited even though they may be limited in the number of homes they can work. Those unable to travel a great distance might be able to assist in nearby territory that for some reason has not been worked recently. Think of a way that you, too, can help others to hear the good news!

6 Experienced publishers and new ones alike can enjoy the challenges that accompany Kingdom preaching in such unique circumstances. In some rural areas it may be practical to obtain a detailed county map showing all roadways and the locations of homes. Plan to cover the territory systematically to accomplish the most good in the time available. Cooperation among congregations, zeal for the ministry and good organization of efforts will help toward getting all congregation territory worked at least once a year.

7 We all share a responsibility for the lives of people in our territory. (Ezek. 33:6-9) Your call may be one of the last opportunities for 'those who are rightly disposed for everlasting life' to become believers. (Acts 13:48) We have been sent forth to preach to all who will hear. So, let us do so "as out of sincerity, yes, as sent from God, under God's view, in company with Christ."—2 Cor. 2:17.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the Goal of Starting Studies

[1] Jesus commanded his disciples to be *preachers*. (Matt. 10:7) A preacher is defined as one who speaks in public, usually offering religious advice. Later, Jesus made it clear that they were to be more than just preachers. They were to become *teachers*, ones who show how, train, give lessons. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Preaching would make others aware of the Kingdom message, but in order to make disciples it is necessary to teach, and that means starting and conducting home Bible studies.

[2] Paul told his brothers that they "ought to be teachers in view of the time." (Heb. 5:12) The present times are critical. We are being trained to be teachers. Have you made progress in this area? Our primary means to teach others is through Bible studies. Are you sharing in this activity? If not, is there more you could do to start a study so that you can share in teaching others?

[3] Our attitude largely determines our success. Some say their territory is unresponsive and there is little hope of finding sincere ones who will study. Without realizing it, they may have judged those in their territory as unworthy of help. Yet, we can all recall examples of bitter opposers who have later on accepted the truth.—Gal. 1:13, 23.

[4] All of us would like to find joy in what we do, especially in the disciple-making work. What brings the greatest joy? Not simply an impressive report. Genuine joy comes from helping others. Paul described those whom he had assisted as his "joy." (1 Thess. 2:19, 20) We find joy in diligently searching for ones who want to know Jehovah. Once we locate them, we will use our abilities to the full to present the message in the most understandable, appealing manner possible. Where there is response, our goal is to convey some Scriptural truth that will touch the person's heart. Keeping a record and making definite plans to return will confirm our sincere concern. This positive mental attitude assures that we, too, will reap "great joy" in our ministry.—Acts 15:3.

[5] A positive approach may determine how much we accomplish. If we really *want* to help someone, we can usually find a way. Genuine love does not give up easily. (1 Cor. 13:7) A positive attitude shows we are sincere and convinced that what we have is good. If we offer to study with others and *mean* it, that in itself may produce a favorable response.

[6] Jesus had a positive mental attitude. He was moved by genuine love for others. (Matt. 9:36) He felt very strongly about doing his work well. (John 4:34) He was convinced that the truth could change people's lives. (John 8:32) He was willing to sacrifice his own comfort to help them. (Mark 6:31-34) Everything he did in his Father's service reflected the happiness that he promised would come from giving. (Acts 20:35) How appropriate that we earnestly ask Jehovah to help us be like Jesus!—1 John 5:14.

[7] Jehovah continues to make fine provisions to help us in the ministry. The book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* is especially designed to help both teacher and student. Its eye-catching appearance makes it easy to place. The material answers many questions that are on the minds of people everywhere. Its concise and simple message is appealing to the heart. Colorful illustrations bring Bible events to life, making a vivid impression on the mind. In what better way could Jehovah answer our request for his aid in becoming teachers? Of course, it is Jehovah who brings the increase and he is due the praise for what is accomplished. However, if we maintain a positive attitude, take advantage of the help he provides and do the best we can with our abilities, then we will receive our own reward as God's fellow workers.—1 Cor. 3:5-9.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	386	134.0	90.9	58.3	6.3
Pios.	23,281	88.4	50.8	35.4	3.8
Aux. Pios.	29,696	60.7	33.3	20.0	1.7
Pubs.	558,388	8.9	6.8	3.9	0.5
TOTAL	611,751				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,261

The report for March is a very encouraging one. We reached our seventh consecutive peak in regular pioneers. A total of 413,055 home Bible studies was reported, exceeding the peak in February of this year by 10,456. Let the light continue to shine forth so that others may glorify God as a result of seeing our fine works.—Matt. 5:16.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

June 5: Pages 7 to 15
June 12: Pages 16 to 24
June 19: Pages 25 to 33
June 26: Pages 34 to 46

Question Box

● How should family Bible studies or studies conducted with nonbaptized minor children of dedicated Christians be reported?

Caring for the responsibility to teach children Jehovah's way requires much time and effort on the part of dedicated Christian parents. (Deut. 6:6, 7; Eph. 6:4) Whether all the time involved is reported as field service has no bearing on the seriousness of the parental responsibility.

The congregation's field service report is compiled to represent primarily what is being accomplished in the field ministry preaching the good news publicly and teaching the truth to persons who are not dedicated and baptized Witnesses. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) However, if a dedicated Christian parent regularly conducts a family Bible study and minor nonbaptized children are involved, he or she may report a total of no more than one hour and one return visit each week that the study is conducted and one home Bible study for the month. This will be the case even if the study is extended for more than one hour at a time or conducted more than once a week. Additional studies or time spent teaching the children individually would not be included in a field service report, but would rather be viewed as an expression of the parent's earnest desire to train up the children in godly devotion.—Prov. 22:6.

What if, for some reason, parents should need help in sounding down the truth into the heart of their children? They may ask others to give them the needed assistance. If another publisher is asked to render such assistance, it would be well to discuss this with the presiding overseer or the service overseer. If the parents are new in the truth or otherwise need help with their children and it would be advisable for another publisher to conduct a Bible study with them, that may be done. In such a case, the one conducting the study would be able to count the time, return visit and study if the children are not baptized.—See "Are You the Only Member of Your Family in the Truth?" in the January 1980 *Our Kingdom Service* and "Working What Is Good Toward Younger Ones" in the August 1980 issue.

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Meetings for Field Service

JULY 4-10

Offering *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* or Brochure

1. Why are these publications most beneficial to neighbors?
2. Why highlight the Kingdom theme?
3. How can we use the brochure?

JULY 11-17

Offering Magazines

1. Why prepare brief magazine presentations?
2. What talking points are you using in current *Watchtower?*
3. How can you use the "Feature Articles" information on page 2 of *Awake!?*

JULY 18-24

Using Tact

1. With one who wants to preach to you.
2. With an irate householder.
3. Why is it always needed?

JULY 25-31

Street Witnessing

1. Name some good locations for street witnessing.
2. How can you start the conversation?
3. What might you feature in current magazines?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Are These the Last Days?

Luke 21:10, 11—What Jesus said.

Luke 21:28—We can survive.

NEW PUBLISHER PEAK FOR APRIL—642,286! AUXILIARY AND REGULAR PIONEER RANKS REACH NEW HIGHS

Outstanding Increases in Other Activity

Jehovah's blessings upon our activity during April were truly bountiful. We greatly rejoice in the following report that shows what was accomplished:

Total Publishers: 642,286. This is 27,293 more publishers than our last peak in January 1983.

Total Auxiliary Pioneers: 84,285. An increase of 11.6 percent over the outstanding total of 75,538 for April 1982.

Regular Pioneers: For the eighth month in a row we have had a peak in regular pioneers.

Total Hours: 11,902,964. This is 1,286,697 more than our peak in April a year ago—a 12-percent increase.

Return Visits: 4,048,481. Exceeds our previous peak by 6,311.

Home Bible Studies: Our fifth peak this service year and 23,445 more than the peak last month.

Surely, all of this is evidence that Jehovah's spirit is moving his people to give a tremendous Kingdom witness. As long ago foretold, those having spiritual insight are letting their light shine with ever greater brightness as they turn many to righteousness. (Dan. 12:3) Let us continue to make the most of our privilege to share without letup in this glorious work!

"Let Your Kingdom Come"

[1] The phrase "Let your kingdom come" is one of the most familiar, but perhaps least understood, passages in the Holy Scriptures. Happily, Jehovah's Witnesses are blessed with the Biblical understanding of these important words of the Lord's Prayer.—Matt. 6:9, 10.

[2] In 1981 at the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions, we received *"Let Your Kingdom Come,"* a 192-page book designed especially to assist us in our vital preaching activity. Since its release just two years ago millions of copies of this book have been produced in many languages for distribution earth wide.

[3] In July we will continue using this publication in our field service activity. Its timely message will be helpful to us as we carry out our commission to preach the "good news of the kingdom." (Matt. 24:14) How can this book be used effectively in our field ministry?

[4] Why not use a simple introduction? Call attention to the very first chapter, entitled "'Thy Kingdom Come'!" and the artist's conception of what life will be like under Kingdom rule. The first two sentences of the opening chapter would serve as an appropriate introduction. There we read: "Few words of prayer have been repeated more often than the above. Perhaps you the reader have uttered that prayer." From that point you could briefly inform the householder of the contents of the book, referring to the table of contents, and then offer it on a contribution of 75c.

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Planning Summer Activities

[1] We know from experience that good results come from well-thought-out plans. (Prov. 20:18; 21:5) Jehovah assures us that he will help us to make our way successful.—Prov. 16:3.

[2] In planning summer activities, you may find it helpful to review your summer goals and determine which activities should take priority over others. This will be helpful if you find available time is running short. (Luke 14:28-30) Obviously, in establishing priorities, Kingdom interests should be put ahead of other considerations.—Matt. 6:33; 1 Pet. 2:11.

[3] Among our primary spiritual considerations would be attending and fully benefiting from the rich spiritual program at one of the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions this summer. Joining with our brothers in united worship of Jehovah must be among our first priorities.—Ps. 95:6; 100:2.

[4] Summer months provide an excellent opportunity to auxiliary pioneer. Young people who are on school vacation are encouraged to spend at least one month this summer as auxiliary pioneers. Why not get other youths interested in working along with those who enroll! Time spent in this way adds to one's spiritual growth.

[5] Some may want to schedule reading the entire Bible during the summer period. When reading the Bible, you may find it helpful to make notes or underline points of interest either for personal appli-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 3

Song 80

10 min: Local announcements and Question Box. Outline service arrangements for second Saturday and briefly comment on talking points in current magazines.

20 min: "Let Your Kingdom Come." Question-and-answer coverage of material. Have publisher prepared to demonstrate briefly paragraph 4. Also discuss presentation of the brochure as outlined in paragraph 6, especially showing how it can be helpful to young ones.

15 min: Encouraging talk on "Where Can I Turn When I Have Problems?" from July 8, 1983, *Awake!* Also remind brothers to bring along February 8, 1982, *Awake!* next week.

Song 74 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 10

Song 18

12 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Also, consider "1984 Calendar."

15 min: "Planning Summer Activities." Question-and-answer discussion of material. As time permits, interview some families and individual publishers, including young ones, regarding their theocratic summertime goals. Are some planning to auxiliary pioneer? Mention various ways to witness informally while traveling.

10 min: Be Ready Always to Give an Answer. Audience discussion of question sometimes raised in field service: Do Jehovah's Witnesses believe in miraculous gift of speaking in tongues, or other gifts of the spirit? How can we prepare to answer?

Elder leads discussion based on *Aid,* page 655 (Gifts of the Spirit) and page 656 ("Tongues"), also February 8, 1982, *Awake!* pages 7 to 11. Highlight the following: Gifts of the spirit served to establish early Christian congregation as having God's approval. (Heb. 2:2-4) Gift of speaking in tongues enabled Christians at Pentecost 33 C.E. to reach foreign-speaking Jews. (Acts, chapter 2) Gifts of spirit transmitted only by an apostle chosen directly by Jesus. (Acts 8:18; 19:6) Thus, with death of the apostles the transmittal of miraculous gifts ceased. Paul foretold cessation of such gifts, including gift of tongues. (1 Cor. 13:8) Those speaking in tongues today usually not understood by others. Apparently not God's spirit working through them. Identification marks of love (John 13:35; 1 Cor. 13:13) and separateness from world (John 15:19) not found in charismatics but in Jehovah's Witnesses. Witnesses also show love for Jehovah (Matt. 22:37, 38) and continue with God-given work of making disciples. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Thus prove they are true Christians.

8 min: Consider April service report and information on page 1 highlighting new peaks. Encourage congregation to press forward zealously with local activity.

Song 62 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 17

Song 55

10 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Consider congregation field service report for June. Also encourage all to support magazine activity the fourth Saturday of July.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Tact." Discuss article with questions and answers. Read selected paragraphs and scriptures as time permits. Include comments from audience on how to deal tactfully with circumstances that may arise in the field ministry.

17 min: "How Can I Build My Self-Respect?" Talk by elder on article in April 8, 1983, *Awake!* Encourage young ones to build a good relationship with Jehovah. As time permits entertain comments from young publishers on what they can do to strengthen this relationship.

Song 112 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 24

Song 17

7 min: Local announcements. Briefly outline offer for August using the *Live Forever* book or *My Book of Bible Stories*. Encourage publishers to get needed supplies for August field service.

18 min: "What Makes a Pioneer?" Question-and-answer discussion of article. Read some paragraphs and scriptures according to time available. Get comments from regular or auxiliary pioneers. How did they arrange their affairs to pioneer? What blessings have they enjoyed by pioneering? Many choose to start regular pioneering in September, so now is a good time to consider it. Get applications from presiding overseer or secretary.

20 min: "Benefiting From Theocratic Subjection." Question-and-answer consideration of chapter 2 of *Our Ministry* book, pages 12 through 16.

Song 58 and concluding prayer.

Summer Activities *(Cont'd)*

cation or for future use in the field service. Reading God's Word is beneficial for everyone.—Ps. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:16.

[6] Another priority is to spend a reasonable amount of time in field service, making good use of your Bible knowledge. (Prov. 15:2) It may be possible to assist a nearby congregation in working territory that has not been covered for quite some time. Or how about not-at-homes in your own territory that is covered often? If the same residents are consistently not at home, are not such homes like unworked territory? Make it your personal concern to try different times to approach those who have not been at home. Why not try late afternoon or evening witnessing as a starter? Then try calling on different days. Since so many people subscribe to the worldly view that weekends are for fun, you may find that calls during the week will enable you to reach these people. For those who cannot be found at home regardless of when you call, you might try contacting them by letter.

[7] Those who will be taking vacation trips will want to locate the nearest Kingdom Hall so they can attend the meetings and share with the congregation in field service. We want to maintain our wholesome, theocratic "routine." (Phil. 3:16) While visiting other congregations, there will be opportunities to make new theocratic acquaintances. We do enjoy and benefit from 'widening out' our affection to include others. (2 Cor. 6:11-13) We can learn much about new ones by listening to their comments and observing the zeal they manifest when in the field service.

[8] Some time will properly be set aside for reasonable recreation. (Eccl. 3:4) As to the amount of time scheduled and the type of recreation pursued, one should guard against the negative aspects that the spirit of the world promotes. We know how easy it is for such matters to get out of hand. (1 Tim. 4:8) Many have accepted views such as 'be good to yourself . . . you deserve it.' (Luke 12:19) But as we plan our summer activities we do so with the prayerful view of Psalm 90:12. By the time summer ends we will have no cause for regret if we have planned wisely and used our time profitably. We will have a wealth of pleasurable, theocratic memories.

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- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 15, El-Es) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 16, Es-Fe) —Italian
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1976-1980 —German
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Ga, German, Kinyarwanda, Kosraean, Luo, Mare, Palauan, Ponapean, Sango, Seychelles-Creole, Trukese, Yapese
  - *"This Good News of the Kingdom"* —Wallisian

- New Cassette Recordings Available
  - *The Second to the Corinthians, To the Galatians* (single cassette) —German
  - *Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah*—Drama (single cassette) —French

- In congregations where the appointment of an elder to serve as presiding overseer for an indefinite period has not been made by September 1, 1983, the current presiding overseer may continue to serve temporarily until such appointment has been made.

What Makes a Pioneer?

[1] What makes a pioneer? Individuals answer that question differently. Some may say that pioneers are a unique type of people that seem to have more time available to use in the field ministry. Or they may point to certain health or age advantages, having financial security or secular learning ability, which make it possible to be a pioneer. These may be factors but they do not entirely explain what enables a person to get into the regular pioneer service and what keeps him there.

[2] There are many persons with reasonably good health and adequate financial resources who are not pioneers. Yet others who have relatively poor health and limited material means are faithfully sharing in the pioneer work. Could more who are in good health, perhaps retired with a fixed income, or persons temporarily out of work consider regular or auxiliary pioneer service? In the final analysis, individuals whose circumstances permit it become pioneers because they *want* to. That desire is the result of many factors including love, appreciation, zeal and loyalty. When the desire is strong enough, seemingly mountainlike obstacles can be overcome.—Matt. 17:20.

[3] As a person makes progress in the truth, getting filled with accurate knowledge and exerting himself in the field service, he will experience the joy of helping others to learn the truth. His service takes on meaning and brings a sense of accomplishment. The fruitage of hard work becomes a cause for joy. (Eccl. 2:24) Such good work is the result of cultivating and practicing godly qualities. (2 Pet. 1:5-8) It is from these basic elements that the desire to pioneer springs. (1 Pet. 4:2) The recent all-time peaks in regular pioneers show that many have cultivated this desire.

[4] Those who reach the goal of pioneering and stay in full-time service will receive many added blessings from Jehovah. (Prov. 10:22) Parents may ask, How can we help our children to cultivate the desire to pioneer? If you can take the lead by pioneering, your children will be encouraged to follow your example. From an early age, train them to become good students of God's Word. (2 Tim. 3:15) Remember, it has the power to motivate. (Heb. 4:12) It can teach young people right principles and how to apply them. (Heb. 5:14) Such instruction combined with a good parental example provides a solid basis on which to build.—1 Cor. 3:10-13.

[5] Training should include the basic idea of helping people. (Matt. 9:36) Encourage youths and the ones who are new in the truth to follow the example of Jesus in this regard. This will help them to view people as Jehovah does. (2 Pet. 3:9) Show them why helping others is such a vital part of Christian worship.—Matt. 22:39; John 21:15-17.

[6] Young people of high school age have to consider their long-range goals in life and how they will use their varied resources. Why not aim for pioneering? Older ones who are retired or nearing retirement age can consider pioneering. The way we use our opportunities makes a big difference in the blessings we receive.—Luke 8:18.

[7] Are you positively trying to make room for regular pioneer service in your life? Are you satisfied with your present priorities? If not, why not reevaluate them? Ask yourself, 'What is there that prevents *me* from getting into the pioneer service?' Do you *want* to? (Col. 3:23, 24) If you do, there is a good possibility that you, too, have what it takes to be a pioneer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

July 3: Pages 47 to 56
July 10: Pages 57 to 68
July 17: Pages 69 to 75
July 24: Pages 76 to 80
July 31: Pages 81 to 89

1984 Calendar

Many have expressed appreciation for the 1983 calendar with its practical features and reminders relative to the preaching work. At present the 1984 calendar is being prepared. It will have the same basic features as the one for 1983, with pictures that illustrate the theme of the 1984 yeartext by showing the courageous preaching work being done around the world. The calendar will be printed on a more expensive, coated paper, which will enhance its beauty. The cost for the 1984 calendar will be $1 each. Calendars will be printed in English, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. Congregations should send in their orders during the first week of August, using the regular Literature Order form (S-14) and indicating the number of English calendars desired under "Controlled Stock Items." Calendars in other languages should be listed under "Other Language Publications," showing the quantity for each language separately. Additionally, specify 1984. Do not send the remittance with the order. Calendars are controlled stock items and payment is to be included in the regular remittance sent to the Society following receipt of the calendars. See *Cost List,* paragraphs 20 and 21. Until shipments are made beginning in late October, the 1984 calendar will appear as "Back-ordered" on congregation invoices.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Tact

1 As we call on people in their homes or meet them on the street, in stores or other places, there is a need for us to be tactful. Why? Because we live in the "last days" with their "critical times." Paul wrote that people living in these days would be "self-assuming, haughty, . . . not open to any agreement, . . . without self-control, fierce, . . . headstrong." (2 Tim. 3:1-4) So it is apparent that these times call for tactfulness by Jehovah's people when telling out the good news.

2 But what is tact? One dictionary definition is: "A keen sense of what to do or say in a difficult or delicate situation in order to maintain good relations with others or avoid offense." Certainly as Christians we wish to maintain good relations with people and avoid needless offense. So, 'as far as it depends on *us*, we will be peaceable in word and action with all men.'—Rom. 12:18.

3 It helps when we can put ourselves in the position of the person to whom we speak. Perhaps when we call we have interrupted something important. Often the householder is not expecting someone to call at his door. So we have to be tactful, thoughtful, showing deep concern for the individual along with a loving desire to help.

4 Paul was a fine example of a tactful Christian witness. Recall that in speaking to the Athenians, he did not berate or condemn them for their idolatry and worship of so many false gods, even though his spirit was irritated by such things. (Acts 17:16) Tactfully Paul used their interest in the worship of many gods as a fine introduction to his speech to the people of Athens.—Acts 17:22-31.

5 We too will meet people who have their own religion and will tell us so. What should we do? We must be tactful. We should not be pushy, belligerent or critical. Rather, we should seek to find points of agreement, if possible, and pursue them. There is no need to refute or challenge every objection raised by an individual who does not agree with our message.

6 Tactfulness includes being a *good listener* as well. By listening to and considering the thoughts of a householder, we will know what he is thinking. Often we can tactfully pursue his line of reasoning to develop a good conversation and give a witness. Questions are helpful, but we must be careful that they do not put the householder on the spot. Rather, they should be used to draw him out and get his viewpoint. We can then follow Paul's example: "I have become all things to people of all sorts, that I might by all means save some."—1 Cor. 9:22.

7 At all times our words must be carefully chosen so as not to give offense. (Prov. 25:11) Then householders will appreciate that we are making *friendly* calls with an encouraging message. If our words and facial expression convey personal interest, kindness and friendliness toward all, most people will note this and often respond in a receptive way. Remember Paul's advice: "Let your utterance be always with graciousness, seasoned with salt, so as to know how you ought to give an answer to each one."—Col. 4:6.

8 Even when people are definitely not interested, our tactful manner will seek to avoid offense. Thus we can leave a favorable impression and pave the way for the next Witness who calls. Let us continue to present the good news in a tactful way so that we may impart what is good and favorable to those who listen to us.—Eph. 4:29.

Question Box

● When the service overseer visits a Congregation Book Study group, who conducts the meeting for field service?

The service overseer will conduct the meeting for field service. In this way he can set an example for each study conductor as to how to conduct a meaningful meeting for field service based upon the current outline in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Also, he can effectively organize the groups for field service. He will thus demonstrate that in no more than 10 to 15 minutes an informative meeting can be conducted and the group properly organized.

It would be helpful if the service overseer would make specific arrangements to work with various ones in the Congregation Book Study group. He can give them general encouragement in connection with the field ministry. Likewise he can provide specific suggestions to help them improve the quality of their service.

The book study conductor and all in the book study group look forward to the visit of the service overseer. They will want to put forth extra effort to give full support to this special week of activity for their study group. In this way they show appreciation for the arrangement by the organization to have the service overseer make meaningful visits to each Congregation Book Study group.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	385	133.4	106.5	56.0	6.1
Pios.	23,806	87.3	57.8	33.5	3.8
Aux. Pios.	84,285	58.7	40.4	16.3	1.3
Pubs.	533,810	9.0	7.5	3.5	0.4
TOTAL	642,286				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,503

"Kingdom Come" (*Cont'd*)

5 Perhaps you have already developed an approach that is quite appropriate and effective. If so, why not share that with others as you work with them in the ministry? When using this publication, you will be talking about the theme of the Bible, God's Kingdom, and what it will do for mankind. So the offer is very timely and fits in closely with what our work is all about.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

6 During July we will also be using the brochure released in 1982 at the "Kingdom Truth" District Conventions. The brochure is entitled *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* This outstanding 32-page publication of magazine size can be a delight for young ones and those with limited reading ability. It traces vital Bible history. It presents information from the time of the rebellion in Eden to the time of the restored Paradise on this earth under the Kingdom of God. This illustrated and easy-to-understand brochure effectively imparts lifegiving knowledge and instruction about Jehovah, his Son Christ Jesus and the promises of the Holy Bible.—John 17:3.

7 During July look for opportunities to offer these publications to as many persons as possible. Doubtless thousands more earth wide will yet join with us in unitedly praying, "Let your kingdom come."

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 1-7
Offering the *Live Forever* book

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. How will you tie in offer?

AUGUST 8-14
Using brochure—*Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*

1. When book is refused.
2. When else would it be appropriate to offer?

AUGUST 15-21
Follow up placements

1. How do you renew interest?
2. How can you lead discussion into *Live Forever* book?

AUGUST 22-28
Public witnessing

1. What opportunities might we have to witness publicly?
2. How do you get a conversation started?
3. What discretion should be exercised?

AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 4
Training young ministers

What can you do to train youths in
- (a) Their conduct in the ministry?
- (b) Use of tracts?
- (c) Use of Bible, publications?

NEW PEAK IN MEMORIAL ATTENDANCE

The Memorial attendance this year is another indication that many people appreciate Jehovah's provision for salvation through Jesus Christ. As shown below, compared with last year, over 74,000 more persons attended the Memorial in the U.S. on March 29, 1983. All who were present at that event but are not yet actively associated with us need help 'to be instructed about Jehovah's ways and to walk in his paths.'—Isa. 2:2, 3.

	1983	1982	Difference
Total Attendance	1,574,212	1,499,284	+74,928
Number of Partakers	4,058	4,206	-148

Witness Publicly and From House to House

[1] The apostle Paul was irritated at seeing the grip false religion had on the people of Athens. "Consequently he began to reason in the synagogue with the Jews and the other people who worshiped God and every day in the marketplace with those who happened to be on hand." (Acts 17:16, 17) In Ephesus, Paul took every advantage of his opportunities to witness by teaching publicly and from house to house.—Acts 20:20, 21.

[2] Faithful servants of Jehovah in the first century were alert to preach the good news whenever and wherever they could. Although tired out, Jesus struck up a conversation with a Samaritan woman when he was resting at a fountain. The result was that "many of the Samaritans out of that city put faith in him." (John 4:5-42) Paul and his companions preached beside a river, with the result that Lydia and her household got baptized. (Acts 16:14, 15) We can enjoy rich blessings just as they did, when we engage in public witnessing.

[3] When going from house to house, do we stop to talk to persons who may be relaxing or working outside? If some are just arriving home or leaving, try to start up a conversation with them. Otherwise it may be weeks or even months before they can be contacted, especially if they are seldom home—as is often true today. We want, if possible, to reach all those who reside in the territory. Try to give a brief and tactful witness, perhaps placing *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* and making arrangements to call back.

[4] Do you have territory that is inaccessible because of doormen admitting only tenants and invited guests? Would it be possible to reach the persons living there by doing street work where the majority of the residents enter and leave the area? In this way one congregation was able to generate so much interest that a Congregation Book Study was started in a territory where it was impossible to go from house to house. Those who did street work there were alert to approach people and tactfully obtain the names and addresses of those who showed interest so that return visits could be made.

[5] All of us can look for opportunities to witness informally wherever we may be. When traveling by subway, bus, train, plane, car or on foot, we can often share the good news with others. Many times we find that those we speak with do not really know much about Jeho-

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Helping Inactive Ones to Grow Strong in the Faith

[1] In January 1982 a special effort was started to find and help inactive ones. What have been the results? Can we do more to aid the weak or inactive? How can we encourage our brothers?

[2] We rejoice to inform you that many formerly inactive ones are again serving shoulder to shoulder with us. They were like the psalmist who wrote: "I have wandered like a lost sheep. O look for your servant, for I have not forgotten your own commandments." (Ps. 119:176) One sister, recognizing her loss of a close relationship with Jehovah, prayed to him for direction and the next day an elder called, offering her a Bible study. She commented: "How can I not continue to serve Him?" A very unhappy family that had become inactive due in part to the pursuit of material things was called on by two elders who offered a Bible study. They said: "This is what we were waiting for." Now the whole family joyfully share in service as they reduce their secular work.

[3] Indeed, the loving labors of the elders and all who have cooperated with them have been blessed by Jehovah, the Great Shepherd. (1 Pet. 2:25) A traveling overseer in Texas reports that in one area the brothers had the joy of seeing 75 reactivated, making it necessary to form a new congregation. Many circuits report 25 to over 100 reactivated. Hundreds more have begun to attend meetings again and are growing in faith through specially arranged Bible studies.

[4] Many are the expressions of gratitude from formerly "lost sheep." When the elders called on one family, their marriage was on the verge of breaking up. The children were confused, wondering whether they were still Jehovah's Witnesses. But the family accepted a Bible study and resumed their

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 31

Song 89

5 min: Local announcements.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—Featuring the *Live Forever* Book." Use paragraph 1 for introduction. Demonstration of paragraphs 2 and 3 not to exceed five minutes. Then discuss with audience new Topic for Conversation and other points that may be featured in offering the book. Discuss paragraph 4 with audience and then demonstrate how brochure might be offered when householder cannot afford book. Discuss paragraph 5 with audience. Encourage all to share in field service on first Sunday of the month.

15 min: Arrange according to local needs. (Or discuss "Why So Many Suicides?" "Hope for Despairing Ones" and "They Want to Help" in the August 1, 1983, *Watchtower*. Show practical use of material in the field ministry.)

10 min: "Magazine Day Presentations." Question-and-answer discussion of paragraphs 1 and 6-8. Demonstrate offering two magazines, highlighting August 1 *Watchtower* using presentation in paragraph 2. Encourage brothers to bring *Our Ministry* book next week.

Song 118 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 7

Song 10

8 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Witness Publicly and From House to House." Questions and answers. Emphasize information applicable to local circumstances.

12 min: "Recognizing Christ's Role in God's Arrangement." Talk by elder covering material in chapter 3 of *Our Ministry* book, making local application.

10 min: Service overseer considers congregation's July report. Encourage all to share in magazine work this weekend. Have brief discussion between two publishers showing how information under "Feature Articles" on page 2 of each *Awake!* issue can be used to develop an effective magazine presentation. Have two brief demonstrations of 30-to-60-second magazine presentations for use this weekend. (Include one in paragraph 3 of article "Magazine Day Presentations.")

Song 68 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 14

Song 44

5 min: Local announcements.

20 min: "Helping Inactive Ones to Grow Strong in the Faith." Question-and-answer discussion. If possible, interview one who has been aided, highlighting what helped him to return to active association.

10 min: "Circuit Assemblies—Timely Reminders." Talk. Encourage all to make definite plans to attend next circuit assembly.

10 min: Experiences in placing *Live Forever* book. One or two should be prearranged but allow for others from audience. Also demonstrate presentation in paragraph 4 of article "Magazine Day Presentations." Have publishers bring *Our Ministry* book to Service Meeting next week.

Song 29 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 21

Song 58

10 min: Announcements and local announcements. Have publishers relate experiences enjoyed starting studies in *Live Forever* book. Emphasize that special effort should be made to follow up placements so as to establish home Bible studies.

20 min: "How the Congregation Is Organized and Governed." Talk by elder on material in chapter 4 of *Our Ministry* book from page 21 to subheading on page 25. Consider remainder of chapter by questions and answers.

15 min: "Theocratic News" and "New Peak in Memorial Attendance." Encouraging increases evident. Memorial report shows good potential for continued growth in United States. Relate to local congregation. What is being done or can yet be done to help new ones who attended Memorial this year? Encourage all to share in magazine activity this Saturday. Have youth demonstrate presentation in paragraph 5 of "Magazine Day Presentations."

Song 60 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

August 7: Pages 90 to 98
August 14: Pages 99 to 104
August 21: Pages 105 to 111
August 28: Pages 112 to 119

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association with the congregation. The brother comments: "Now Jehovah has blessed our efforts by making us stronger spiritually. Our marriage is sturdy, and we study together as a family; we attend all meetings and now are going in service. We are so grateful for Jehovah's patience and the help from the brothers." Another reactivated sister happily said: "Last month I turned in my first service report in ten years. And by Jehovah's undeserved kindness I'll never let another month go by without some preaching." A couple told a visiting elder: "The last two months, during which we had been studying and attending meetings, have been the happiest in our 12 years of married life."

[5] How can we keep on aiding the inactive? Continue making reasonable efforts to find and assist those who have strayed. Speak positively and understandingly. Pray with them. Give them reason to feel hopeful and that they are of great value in God's eyes.

[6] If you are studying with an inactive person, bear in mind that spiritual recovery often is a slow, step-by-step process. Patience and long-suffering are required. When asked what helped her return, a sister commented that the one who studied with her "just would not let go." Help them see the value of "keeping a set way" by establishing good habits of study and service. (Ps. 50:23) All in the congregation can assist by drawing these into loving association. One reactivated one said that what helped her was "the overwhelming kindness and love the friends showed me when I returned to the meetings. We truly are one large family."

[7] As we seek to help the inactive, let us never forget those presently associated with us who may need help. (Acts 20:35) We can prevent many from drifting into inactivity by being interested in the spirituality of our brothers. Is there someone in your book study group that is slowing down in his service or missing meetings? Does he need some encouragement? Could you invite him to share in your family or personal study? Could you work with him in the ministry? Rather than 'draw away' from Jehovah through a lack of faith, let us keep exhorting one another each day. —Heb. 3:12.

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Magazine Day Presentations

1 Emphasis has been placed on sharing regularly in magazine activity, including street work, especially on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month if you cannot go out every Saturday. A brief presentation is usually best, perhaps from half a minute to a minute in length.

2 When offering the August 1 *Watchtower,* we could say: "No doubt you will agree that the world is full of problems today. In fact, some individuals who felt there were just too many problems to face chose to commit suicide. The current *Watchtower* has some interesting information on this subject and helps us to appreciate that there is 'hope for despairing ones.' [Point to article on page 6.] We are offering the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines for a contribution of 30 cents. I am sure you will enjoy reading them."

3 After introducing ourselves, if we are highlighting the August 8 *Awake!* we might say: "Many authorities warn us that the earth is getting overcrowded. Pollution, famine and unemployment are just a few of the effects. These lead to social unrest and violence. What is the solution? Is there a government capable of handling this problem on a worldwide scale? This issue of *Awake!* gives you the satisfying answers, and it, along with *The Watchtower,* is yours for a contribution of 30 cents."

4 The August 15 *Watchtower* may be offered by stating: "Most people agree that the world is in very serious trouble, and some wonder whether it can be saved. This issue of *The Watchtower* raises the question, 'Who can save the world?' and goes on to give the satisfying answer from the Bible. Together with *Awake!* it is yours for 30 cents."

5 If featuring the August 22 *Awake!* we could say: "Will we ever have universal peace? This is a question many of us are asking these days. Millions of people are protesting the buildup of nuclear bombs. Could it be that shortly the nations will be saying that they have achieved peace and security? The articles starting on page 3 in this issue of *Awake!* will help you to learn the answer. *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are offered for a contribution of just 30 cents."

6 Publishers who have good success placing magazines in street witnessing are usually those who take the initiative to approach people with the offer. Rather than just standing and waiting for others to approach you as you display *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, prepare a brief statement directing attention to a particular article and, after a friendly greeting, present the magazines. Although we would not want to obstruct the flow of traffic or rudely interrupt the conversations of others, someone waiting for a bus or unoccupied at the time may appreciate being informed on an important subject in one of the current magazines.

7 In some areas it may be advisable to have another publisher close by when engaging in street witnessing. However, if you are conversing with each other you defeat the purpose of street witnessing. So be alert to observe any interest shown in the publications you display. Have a friendly smile and cheerful greeting. Be positive in your approach. By taking the initiative in using brief, well-prepared presentations, you too may have good success in placing magazines on the streets.

8 Short presentations can be prepared for each issue. Highlight articles that are likely to have a broad appeal. If we regularly use pointed presentations in offering the magazines from house to house, in business territory and on the streets, no doubt we will be able to accomplish much more. We want to do all we can to increase the distribution of these two fine publications.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	381	132.9	103.7	55.8	6.0
Pios.	23,684	84.9	56.5	32.4	3.7
Aux. Pios.	32,959	59.9	39.6	17.9	1.6
Pubs.	565,039	8.9	7.6	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	622,063				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,387

Announcements

- ● Literature offer for **August and September**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* on a contribution of $2.50. If this book is unavailable, then *My Book of Bible Stories* or any other book may be used. **October and November**: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* for $3.50 each for a one-year subscription; six-month subscription, $2.00.
- ● During the week of August 29–September 3, 1983, the Society will be taking an inventory of all literature on hand in Brooklyn. Due to taking this inventory, no congregation literature orders will be processed for shipment or for pickup during that week.
- ● Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms, and an actual count should be taken of all campaign literature in stock and of all controlled-stock items listed on the inventory form. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to the Society no later than September 6. Keep a carbon copy for your files. The third form is to be used as a work sheet.
- ● The secretary and service overseer should complete the Congregation Analysis Report form (S-10) and send this to the Society as soon as the congregation's August report has been compiled. Double-check all information for accuracy, carefully following the instructions on the form. Keep a duplicate in the congregation file.
- ● Starting in September, circuit overseers will give the public talk "Why Christians Must Be Different." They will also begin meeting with *Watchtower* Study and Congregation Book Study conductors when visiting congregations. The public talk to be given by district overseers in connection with the new series of circuit assemblies beginning in September will be "What Future Is There for You?"
- ● The Society has now produced the Greek Scriptures of the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* in grade-two English Braille. The publication is divided into four volumes, each bound in a black durable hard cover and arranged as follows: Volume 1, MATTHEW and MARK; Volume 2, LUKE and JOHN; Volume 3,

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Circuit Assemblies—Timely Reminders

1 The circuit assembly program with the theme "Be Rich Toward God, Not Covetous" was appreciated because of its timely and practical reminders. Bombarded as we are with materialistic propaganda designed to stir up selfish desires, it was refreshing to consider the examples of Jesus Christ, Paul and others who did not covet material things. They were content with the basic necessities while they concentrated on serving Jehovah and doing good toward others. (2 Cor. 8:9; 12:14-18) Also, the Scriptural material presented forcefully reminded us of the need to be reasonable and balanced in matters of business, health and recreation. Let us resolve never to allow lack of balance in these things to distract us from our real purpose in life.

2 Starting in September, a new circuit assembly program will begin with the theme "Recommending Ourselves as God's Ministers." (2 Cor. 6:4) What identifies a true minister of God? How can we help ourselves and our children to be truly absorbed in the ministry? How can we avoid being ensnared by self-interest? The program will show how effective ministers display the fruitage of God's spirit when confronted with various situations. The public talk features the subject "What Future Is There for You?" The entire program should help Jehovah's people to make the most of their ministry. All of us, along with interested persons, should benefit from such reminders.—Ps. 119:2, 24.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Featuring the *Live Forever* Book

1 January and February were the first months that we featured the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* in our field ministry. We enjoyed using this publication and in fact we had a new peak of publishers reporting service during January. Again in August and September we will be offering this fine book as we share the good news with others. To aid us, we have a new Topic for Conversation: "Can You Live Forever in Paradise?"

2 After introducing yourself, you might say: "I am sure you will agree that it does not seem possible to enjoy real happiness on earth even for a short time in view of all the problems we face, such as sickness, aging, hunger, crime and insecurity. [Allow householder to comment.] But there are good reasons for believing that it really is possible to live forever in happiness on earth. One reason is because God promises it. Notice what it says here in Psalm 37:29. [Read verse.] But what about the causes for unhappiness that we mentioned? In Revelation 21:4 God promises to do away with them. [Read that verse.] I know you would like to learn more, and to help you to do so, we are offering this publication." Then proceed to show the *Live Forever* book.

3 You are already familiar with this book. You have used it in the field and perhaps are studying it with someone. No doubt, then, you have some fine points in mind to share with householders when you offer it. You may want to read some of paragraph 9 on page 10 and then show the contrast between the pictures of the troubles in the world on pages 8 and 9, and the Paradise scenes on pages 11-13. If time permits, you could show some of the interesting chapter titles that you think would appeal to that particular householder.

4 During the previous campaign, many publishers found householders who said they wanted the *Live Forever* book but did not have the $2.50 at the time. Some of these accepted the book when a return call was made. But sometimes when we call back the interest has cooled off, and they do not take the book. So that they are left with something to read at the first call when they do show interest, one circuit overseer found it helpful to offer the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* for 25 cents when the householder could not afford the book. We could try doing that, or offering the current magazines, so that the person would have some publication to read to stimulate further his interest. And, of course, we could arrange to return with the book when the householder expects to be able to obtain it.

5 Living in happiness on earth forever is certainly a marvelous prospect, one that is open to a great crowd without number. (Rev. 7:9) We want to do all we can to help others to share with us in having that wonderful hope. As we feature the *Live Forever* book in our field ministry, we want to keep this in mind and endeavor to start Bible studies with all who show interest in this promise Jehovah makes for those who love him.

Witness Publicly *(Cont'd)*

vah's Witnesses and the Kingdom message. If we place magazines or leave tracts, these can provide something for the interested person to consider further.

6 During August and September we will be offering the *Live Forever* book. Are there ways it can be presented publicly as well as from house to house? Yes. Some have featured the book in street work quite successfully by approaching passersby and giving a brief witness. Some have been helped to come into the truth because a brother or a sister witnessed to them at work during rest periods or their lunch break. A brother decided to present the *Live Forever* book to those on his magazine route. He wrote, 'One man I have been calling on would just take the magazines and close the door. One day I offered the *Live Forever* book. He took it and the next time I called he said he had read the first 35 pages. Many others just see the book and want it.' Why not give thought to offering the *Live Forever* book to neighbors, relatives or others who are not yet serving Jehovah.

7 As recorded at Proverbs 1:20, wisdom is said to keep "giving forth its voice" in the public squares, thus making it available to all who seek it. Never before in man's history has there been a greater need for God's wisdom as contained in his Word to be publicly proclaimed. (Matt. 24:14) As we near the end of this present system, those held in darkness by it need to hear Jehovah's Word while there is yet time. It is a marvelous privilege for us to be 'engaged in the holy work of the good news of God,' witnessing publicly and from house to house. —Rom. 15:16.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Trinidad reported that 52 percent of their publishers shared in the auxiliary pioneer work in April. They had a new peak of 3,627 publishers with 132 of these serving as regular or special pioneers.

◆ In April, Kenya had a new peak of 2,905 publishers. Over 28 percent of these were in full-time service.

◆ Greece reported its 16th consecutive peak in publishers, with April showing 20,677.

◆ Chile's peak of 20,292 publishers in April is a 19-percent increase over last year. Peaks in hours, return visits, pioneers and Bible studies are also reported, with 24,551 studies conducted during the month.

◆ Portugal reports 25,118 publishers in April, a new peak and a 17-percent increase over last year. Senegal's report of 387 publishers is also a new peak and a 6-percent increase.

◆ In Venezuela 21,094 shared in the preaching work in April, a new peak and a 17-percent increase. A peak of 27,940 Bible studies is also reported.

◆ The island of Malta saw 219 publishers share in the work in April. Belgium reached a peak of 20,018.

◆ New Zealand reported a 10.2-percent increase with a new peak of 7,857 publishers in April. New Caledonia had a 19-percent increase with a new peak of 510 publishers. Liberia had a 10-percent increase with a new peak of 1,133 publishers.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

ACTS through GALATIANS; Volume 4, EPHESIANS through REVELATION. The cost will be $40.00 for the set, or $10.00 per volume.

To obtain the Braille Greek Scriptures, please send in a separate order, giving the name and address of the blind person that is to receive it, and enclose the remittance. Mark your order: ATTENTION: BRAILLE DESK.

This portion of the Bible in Braille will not be available on a loan basis, but for purchase only.

- New Publications Available:
  - *1905 Crampon Bible* (congregation, public and pioneers: $10.00) —French
  - *The Bible* (congregation, public and pioneers: $6.50) —Cambodian
  - *The Two Babylons* (congregation, public and pioneers: $5.20) —French
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* —Portuguese
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Arabic, Bislama, Cebuano, Herero, Hungarian, Iloko, Kwanyama, Luganda, Marshallese, Moore, Ndonga, Romanian, Sinhalese, Zulu
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The First of Peter* through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette) —French
  - *A Revelation to John* (single cassette) —French
  - Album with complete Greek Scriptures (18 cassettes; congregation and public: $30.00; pioneers: $20.00) —French

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 5-11

What in the current magazines might appeal to:

1. The elderly?
2. Young ones?
3. Parents?

SEPTEMBER 12-18

Why should you always:

1. Have a positive attitude?
2. Have specific presentation in mind?
3. Be alert to start Bible studies?

SEPTEMBER 19-25

How do you use handbills:

1. To introduce your conversation?
2. On Bible studies and return visits?
3. When no one is at home?

SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 2

Good preparation

1. What introduction will you use today?
2. What essential equipment do you carry?
3. What preparation are you making for subscription offer in October?

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Looking Ahead to the 1984 Service Year

[1] A year of spiritual accomplishments! What a fine way to describe the 1983 service year. Soon we will enjoy reading the complete worldwide report in the *1984 Yearbook*. But what about the goals you personally set for yourself? Did you achieve them? Was 1983 a year of spiritual accomplishments for you? A brief review of your theocratic activities in 1983 may help you work toward yet another year of satisfying work.—1 Cor. 9:26; *om*, pages 116-118.

[2] From the reports we have been receiving, it is evident that many of us reached our personal goals during 1983. Some enrolled in the Theocratic Ministry School, went out in the field service for the first time or started their first Bible study. Others became pioneers or were invited to Bethel. Some were appointed as ministerial servants and others as elders. All these things bring us satisfaction and please Jehovah. On the other hand, there may have been some personal goals you were not able to reach. Perhaps some unexpected circumstances hindered you. But do not be discouraged. Those goals may still be within your reach during the 1984 service year.

OUR INDIVIDUAL GOALS

[3] Were you able to auxiliary pioneer during 1983? Could you make it your goal to do so in 1984? A brief look at the calendar will help you to plan ahead. For example, have you noticed that there are four months that have five Saturdays? Also, there are four months that have five Sundays. Yes, October has five full weekends! If you regularly have Saturdays and Sundays free for field service, a substantial part of the required hours could be realized by planning full service days. Even if you cannot enroll as a regular or an auxiliary pioneer, you may be able to increase your field service and improve the quality of it.

[4] Have you finished reading the publications that were released at the "Kingdom Unity" District Convention? What about the *Our Ministry* book? Have you read it and put its suggestions to work in your ministry? Were you able to keep up with the 1983 weekly Bible reading assignment? A good study sched-

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Are You Using the New Book?

[1] At our recent "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions we were delighted to receive the new book *United in Worship of the Only True God*. A quick examination made it evident that this book was not designed for beginners, people who have little or no knowledge of the Bible. It is for those who are already acquainted with basic Bible truths. It can help us to benefit in practical ways from some of the solid spiritual food in God's Word. This book can help us to broaden and deepen our own understanding of the Scriptures and to apply these more fully in our lives.—Heb. 5:13; 6:1.

[2] Are you personally reaping those benefits? Are you reading the book? As you do so, take time to look up the cited scriptures and meditate on their application to the surrounding material and your own life. Do not skip over them. You cannot use the material in the book effectively until you are able to reason on it from the Bible.

[3] Have you also been making good use of the study questions found both in the paragraphs and at the bottom of the page? Many of these questions, as you may have observed, are designed to make you think about your own life and how it should be affected by what you are studying. In time, of course, we will use this book at the Congregation Book Study, but if you make a personal study of it now, this will enable you to benefit more fully when we study it together later on.

[4] At the convention it was mentioned that this book can be valuable in helping teenage youths to press on to maturity. Although they may already know the fundamental truths and perhaps share to some extent in the field ministry, as they come to understand the reasons for Jehovah's requirements, their joy will increase and they will take greater pleasure in applying Bible counsel. The *United in Worship* book can help them. It encourages them to express the truth in their own words, to reason

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 28

Song 16

5 min: Local announcements. Brief discussion of daily text and comments from *Yearbook,* tying in encouragement for all to be out in house-to-house ministry the first Sunday in September, which also is the first Sunday of 1984 service year. Special arrangements should be made for group witnessing on Monday, September 5, a secular holiday.

20 min: Why a School Brochure? Preferably an elder with exemplary children in high school should handle this part.

(5 min.) Introduction. Great enthusiasm manifested at release of *School* brochure on second day of recent "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions. Something parents and schoolchildren have been wanting. Designed to fill particular needs of parents, children and teachers in handling situations unique to Jehovah's Witnesses involved in secular education. Explain that although the brochure is directed to teachers, it will also aid Jehovah's Witnesses in knowing how to conduct themselves in connection with school activities. So it is particularly vital that all Witnesses be familiar with and appreciate the information the brochure contains on school activities. In this way we can all be at unity in our worship as it affects our children in school.

(7 min.) Question-and-answer discussion of "The Reason for This Brochure" on page 3 of brochure. Assign capable brother to read each paragraph before it is discussed.

(4 min.) Demonstration. Parent with younger child approaches teacher and presents brochure. Include points from paragraph 5 on page 30 of brochure, pointing out desire of parent and child to cooperate with teacher and school system.

(3 min.) Demonstration. Teenage student presents brochure to high-school teacher, briefly explaining the purpose of the brochure and what it contains.

(1 min.) Conclusion. Brief encouragement for parents and school-age Witnesses to make full use of *School* brochure.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of insert from beginning to subheading in column 1 on page 4. Conclude meeting with further brief encouragement for all to share in field service this weekend. Remind publishers to bring *Our Ministry* book to Service Meeting next week.

Song 8 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 4

Song 18

10 min: Introduction. Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Suggest and demonstrate several well-prepared 30- to 60-second magazine presentations that publishers can use with current magazines on second-Saturday magazine day. Encourage house-to-house and street witnessing. If appropriate, specify territory that may be used for street witnessing.

15 min: "Looking Ahead to the 1984 Service Year." After brief introduction based on first two paragraphs, conduct question-and-answer discussion of rest of article tying in appropriate points from pages 116-118 of *Our Ministry* book. At conclusion interview newly baptized publisher and one with some years of experience in the truth. Have them relate how they view matter of setting personal goals and how they have benefited from having definite but reasonable spiritual goals.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of insert from subheading in column 1 on page 4 to subheading "Society to Make Survey of Local Needs" on page 5.

Song 89 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 11

Song 116

10 min: Introduction and local announcements. Have publishers relate experiences about efforts to start new studies in *Live Forever* book. Remind publishers of field service arrangements for weekend, including street witnessing and house-to-house magazine work as well as house-to-house ministry using current Topic for Conversation with book offer. Also brief reminder that October has five full weekends and may offer fine opportunity for auxiliary pioneer service. Application forms are available.

15 min: "Improving Our Teaching Ability." Questions and answers. Assign qualified brother to read paragraphs and call for reading of as many cited scriptures as time allows.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of insert from subheading "Society to Make Survey of Local Needs" on page 5 to end.

Song 39 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 18

Song 50

10 min: Introduction. Local announcements and accounts report.

20 min: "Are You Using the New Book?" Talk and interviews. Enthusiastic elder to present material in article in well-prepared talk, citing portions of book that illustrate points in article. Then interview two or three publishers who have appreciated and are making good use of this new book. Comments should not only show genuine appreciation but also offer practical suggestions as to how the new book can be used personally, in conducting Bible studies with advanced students and in helping young family members.

15 min: Congregation field service report. Service overseer should handle this part. Feature warm commendation for what has been accomplished by brothers in the field. Some totals and averages can be given from report for August and from overall report on 1983 service year. Call attention to increases and improvements that have been noted. Total number of auxiliary pioneers for the year and any improvement in meeting attendance could be encouraging. Brothers should seriously consider areas in need of improvement. May want to include these as goals for 1984 service year. Conclude part with positive suggestions regarding weekend service arrangements. Fourth Saturday of month coming up and magazine work is featured. Encourage use of magazines in house-to-house and street witnessing as well as in informal witnessing. Also work will continue with *Live Forever* book this weekend. Be alert to start studies with interested persons. Any who have not been out in service yet this month, be sure to make necessary arrangements now. Help is available for those needing personal assistance.

Song 85 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 25

Song 40

8 min: Introduction and local announcements. Arrangements for weekend field service on first Sunday of month. If some publishers have enrolled as auxiliary pioneers

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A New Program for Kingdom Hall Construction

Jehovah certainly is fulfilling his promise to teach his household and direct them in his ways. (Isa. 54:13) From earliest times he has made definite arrangements for united worship that includes the giving of vital instruction. (Deut. 31:12, 13; Neh. 8:1-8; Ps. 122:1) This has resulted in great benefit to his faithful people. By adhering strictly to his counsel, they have been able to remain separate from the world and in close association with fellow worshipers. (Ex. 34:11-16; 2 Cor. 6:14-18) Especially in these last days we are admonished to assemble regularly, in order that we may not only be instructed by Jehovah but also share encouragement and incite one another to love and fine works.—Rom. 1:11, 12; Heb. 10:23-25.

From the first century on down to this present day Christians have assembled for worship both in private homes and in public places. (Acts 2:42, 46; 12:12) But particularly since 1935, when it was announced that a new meeting place under construction in Hawaii would be called Kingdom Hall, congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses everywhere have endeavored to have their own distinctive place of worship and have identified it by this name. As a result, Kingdom Halls are now seen throughout the land, and each year more are being constructed or otherwise acquired as regular congregational meeting places.

To Jehovah's Witnesses the Kingdom Hall is the most important building in any community. It may of itself be attractive in design and construction, but even if comparatively modest in external appearance, it is greatly appreciated as a center of true worship and the hub of theocratic activity in the community. It gives evidence that the Kingdom good news is being preached locally. It is a place that provides genuine spiritual refreshment and instruction for all those who are conscious of their spiritual need.—Matt. 5:3.

RAPID EXPANSION INCREASES DEMAND FOR KINGDOM HALLS

Reports from the field show that Jehovah continues to 'speed up' the ingathering work as the end of this present system of things rushes in upon us. It has truly occurred just as he said through the prophet Isaiah that "the little one himself will become a thousand, and the small one a mighty nation." (Isa. 60:22) For example, in the United States and Canada there has been an increase in the peak number of publishers in the last three years of more than 84,000. This outstanding increase has required the formation of hundreds of new congregations, and this means that hundreds of new Kingdom Halls are needed. But it has not been possible for the local congregations to keep pace with the growth in terms of Kingdom Hall construction. This need is being felt more keenly as time goes on and the ingathering work continues apace.

This information was brought to our attention on Friday afternoon at the recent "Kingdom Unity" District Convention in the discourse "How Jehovah Has Kept Us United." The speaker briefly reviewed a number of well-known events in the modern history of the Christian congregation and pointed to the striking fulfillment of Micah 2:12, where it is written: "In unity I shall set them, like a flock in the pen, like a drove in the midst of its pasture; they will be noisy with men." In that setting the speaker, representing the Governing Body, announced a new arrangement to speed up the construction of Kingdom Halls or otherwise acquire additional ones, throughout the United States and Canada, as well as to provide assistance to congregations needing to enlarge or improve their present Kingdom Halls.

The announcement, although stated briefly in the convention talk, was received by the conventioners with great enthusiasm. Here are some of the details that will enable all the brothers everywhere to understand more fully just how the new arrangement will operate and how each one may have a share in this expression of "Kingdom Unity" in the days ahead.

THE NEED

The convention talk made reference to what is stated in *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry* on page 61, namely: "The Kingdom Hall, as a place of worship, should not be a pretentious building designed to impress others. While its architecture may vary from place to place, its purpose is functional. (Compare Acts 17:24.) It should be a comfortable and convenient place for conducting Christian meetings that help us to grow spiritually and to learn about Jehovah, and that encourage us to share in his Kingdom service." As a center of Bible education in the community, the Kingdom Hall also serves directly in getting the good news preached in our congregation territory.

A survey of seven large cities in the United States reveals that Kingdom Halls in those cities average three congregations each. Some Kingdom Halls are presently accommodating four or even five congregations. This situation has hampered further expansion of the Kingdom work in those areas in a number of ways.

When congregations become too large to be accommodated comfortably in the Kingdom Hall, some persons, especially new ones, become discouraged and do not attend meetings regularly. It becomes more difficult for the elders and ministerial servants to care for the needs of the brothers and sisters by rendering necessary personal assistance. When the Kingdom Hall is already being used by three or more congregations, the elders hesitate to recommend the formation of a new congregation because there will be nowhere for the new congregation to meet.

When more than two congregations use a Kingdom Hall, it becomes difficult for them to make convenient arrangements for special occasions such as the visit of the circuit overseer or the annual observance of the Memorial of Christ's death; there may be obstacles in making adequate field service arrangements for each congregation involved. In these circumstances, when the same Kingdom Hall is used daily, certain problems are sometimes encountered with regard to maintenance or repairs. At times, excessive use of Kingdom Halls has led to difficulties with neighbors due to traffic congestion or similar problems that stem from overcrowding. The need to travel considerable distances makes attending meetings less convenient, and this hampers growth.

THE PROBLEM IS PRIMARILY ECONOMIC

But why is it that Kingdom Hall construction has not kept pace with the increases in Kingdom publishers and with the formation of new congregations? Basically the problem is economic. Whereas it is true that some expansion into outlying areas has been difficult or impossible because the brothers have not been able to build or otherwise provide appropriate Kingdom Halls in those areas, the problem the organization faces today primarily is found in the urban areas where property values have skyrocketed to such an extent that individual congregations, including large ones, have been unable to purchase even a site for the construction of a Kingdom Hall. In addition, exorbitant real estate prices have placed existing buildings suitable for conversion into Kingdom Halls out of the reach of the brothers.

The announcement made at the "Kingdom Unity" District Convention proposed a way of overcoming these many obstacles, for the benefit and blessing of all the brothers. Very nicely this proposed arrangement also gives all the congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses everywhere another way to demonstrate that "Kingdom Unity" is a reality among us.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

As you may know, down through the years the Society has encouraged Kingdom Hall construction and has arranged for assistance to be given congregations by making loans from available funds. However, in recent times the need for new branch construction and printing equipment worldwide has made it necessary for Kingdom Hall loans to be curtailed. But this does not mean the Society is less interested in seeing all congregations meeting unitedly and conveniently in their own Kingdom Hall. We have been well aware of the need to speed things up. For this very reason much thought has been given to the present needs of the congregations, and this consideration of matters has resulted in the establishing of a new arrangement for giving the needed assistance by a means that appears to be equitable for all without putting an undue burden on any of the brothers. Indeed, the basic Bible principle that is put to work in setting forth this arrangement is what was stated by the apostle Paul at 2 Corinthians 8:14, 15. He was concerned with the material needs of the brothers in Palestine and made appropriate suggestions for the congregations of Asia Minor to give assistance.

The apostle referred to Jehovah's loving arrangement to care for the needs of the Israelites during their wilderness journey of forty years, saying: "By means of an equalizing your surplus just now might offset their deficiency, in order that their surplus might also come to offset your deficiency, that an equalizing might take place. Just as it is written: 'The person with much did not have too much, and the person with little did not have too little.'" (Compare Exodus 16:18.) But just how will this present need for new Kingdom Halls be handled?

SOCIETY KINGDOM HALL FUND —HOW IT WILL WORK

In announcing the new program, the convention speaker said: "It behooves us to act with practical wisdom. Much prayerful and careful thought has been given as to how we might build more Kingdom Halls. To accomplish this in the interest of the united worship of Jehovah, the Society is inaugurating a new program beginning with the new service year. The purpose of this program will be to accumulate funds for Kingdom Hall construction or enlargement of existing halls. We believe it will be possible to accomplish much toward that end by establishing a Kingdom Hall fund at the Society's headquarters in the United States and at the branch office in Canada."

The arrangement is to start functioning on September 1, 1983. Congregations in the United States and Canada will set up a special contribution box marked "Society Kingdom Hall Fund." Two pressure-sensitive labels inscribed with the words "CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SOCIETY KINGDOM HALL FUND" are being sent to each congregation for identifying the boxes used for this special fund. This arrangement will allow everyone in the congregation who wishes to do so to put in a voluntary contribution from time to time. Such contributions will be sent to the Society's office at the end of each month and will be used exclusively to aid congregations needing funds for Kingdom Hall construction. All contributions will be acknowledged by the Society as having been received and will be credited to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund.—Compare 2 Kings 12:9-16.

Of course, those congregations that are now paying for their own Kingdom Hall and have a contribution box for the construction fund may continue to use that box. If they also desire to help other congregations, they may set up a contribution box for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

It will take a period of time for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund to accumulate sufficient money for a number of congregations to start borrowing from it. Therefore, those desiring to take advantage of this new arrangement should not write to the Society about their needs at this time. Please wait until notice is given to the congregations that sufficient funds have been accumulated for initiating that aspect of the arrangement. At that time congregations in need of funds for building Kingdom Halls, purchasing buildings for remodeling or remodeling and enlarging their existing Kingdom Hall may request loans from the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. Such loans will be repaid by the congregation or congregations using the Kingdom Hall. We will continue to have the congregations pay interest on the funds loaned so as to cover expenses involved in handling these matters and also to augment this fund.

CONGREGATIONS WHO HAVE DEBT-FREE KINGDOM HALLS

Some congregations already own their Kingdom Hall, and it may be practically free from debt. Under this new arrangement, such congregations may wish to contribute to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund to help other congregations get suitable halls. They may decide to set aside the same amount of money as when they were paying off their loan and thus be able to make a monthly contribution to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. If such an arrangement appears to be reasonable, the elders could present the matter to the congregation in the form of a resolution and let the congregation express their desire to help in this way.

SPECIAL REMITTANCE FORM TO BE USED

When the monthly remittances are made to the Society for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund, secretaries will use the special Remittance form to be provided by the Society. A supply of these forms along with an explanatory letter will be sent to congregation secretaries sometime during this month of September. When making remittances for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund, it will be necessary to make out a separate check made payable to: Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pa. As mentioned above, all contributions made to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund will be specifically acknowledged as such.

SOCIETY TO MAKE SURVEY OF LOCAL NEEDS

Earlier in this insert we called attention to the obvious overall need for speeding up Kingdom Hall construction in the United States and Canada. We have also set forth why it will take a united effort on the part of all the congregations in order to meet the present challenge and make sure that future growth is not hampered because of the lack of adequate meeting places for congregations everywhere. But before making any loans from the Society Kingdom Hall Fund, and while waiting for this special fund to be built up, the Society will be making a detailed survey of specific needs throughout this country and Canada. The Society will arrange for qualified brothers to conduct the survey in circuits and cities, and in this way it will be determined what specific needs are most urgent and where help from the Society Kingdom Hall Fund should first be directed. The survey will also determine in various localities what assistance is available in the way of skilled workers, organization and equipment for doing building or remodeling work, and so forth. With all this information on hand, it may be possible to assist congregations needing such information, and thus the Society Kingdom Hall Fund can be used efficiently in order to accomplish the most good in the shortest possible time. With the full cooperation of local elders, the survey will be completed within a short period of time.

RECENT EXPRESSIONS OF UNITED EFFORT

During the past few years, more than 150 Kingdom Halls have been constructed in the United States and Canada by large groups of brothers who assemble materials and workers in such a way as to complete the Kingdom Hall construction in two days, or on just one weekend. Groups of brothers have been organized across the country to give the needed direction for these projects. A fine witness to Kingdom unity as a reality has been given in each case. This arrangement is being taken into consideration in connection with this present special effort of the Society. A measure of direction regarding such projects may be passed on for the benefit of congregations that need additional help and that can avail themselves of the arrangement for constructing a Kingdom Hall on a weekend. More information on this point will be provided later.

ASSEMBLY HALL CONSTRUCTION

The modern growth of the organization has also made it practical and advisable to construct larger facilities throughout the country for accommodating circuit assemblies. These facilities are designated Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Halls. Such projects are undertaken only with the approval of the Society. More of these facilities are needed in certain areas. Eventually the Society Kingdom Hall Fund may be used also for this purpose, but no inquiries should be made on this aspect of the program at this time. We want to concentrate first on the need for building more Kingdom Halls for which there is a more urgent need.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF KINGDOM UNITY TO CONTINUE

By means of the "Kingdom Unity" District Convention program, we were made more fully aware of Jehovah's rich blessings upon his united people today. Truly we have become, as expressed through Micah, "like a flock in the pen, like a drove in the midst of its pasture." Jehovah has surely 'set us in unity,' and the rejoicing we now experience within the flock is aptly described by the words, "they will be noisy with men."—Mic. 2:12.

The brothers everywhere are to be commended for having taken the initiative in Kingdom Hall construction over these many years. United effort on local and regional levels has resulted in the building of thousands of Kingdom Halls throughout the United States and Canada. A number of Assembly Halls have also been built in recent years. In their respective communities these buildings have not only served the direct needs of the congregations and circuits in a marvelous way but have also stood out as a witness to all those seeing them that Jehovah's name people are active in the area. Additionally, while sustaining the costs involved in constructing and maintaining all these local projects, the brothers have continued to make generous contributions to the worldwide expansion of the Kingdom work.

In view of the enthusiastic response that greeted the initial announcement made at the "Kingdom Unity" District Convention concerning the Society Kingdom Hall Fund, we are confident that there will be a corresponding ready response from all the brothers as they receive these additional details. As further aspects of the arrangement are worked out and after more specific information is received by the Society through the survey of needs that will be made, still more details and clarifications will be provided.

But even now this Society Kingdom Hall Fund arrangement provides us with another opportunity to demonstrate in a most practical way that we are truly a united people, worshiping Jehovah as one organization in Kingdom unity. In thinking beyond our immediate congregational needs, we should consider the needs of our brothers in other parts of the United States who have a particular need for financial assistance in building Kingdom Halls. This will serve the additional good purpose of drawing us closer together in Kingdom unity as we more realistically look at the needs of "the entire association of [our] brothers in the world," in terms of what we individually and as congregations can do to fill the obvious need. —1 Pet. 5:9.

CONCLUSION

May this entire arrangement become to each of us a matter of continued, urgent and heartfelt prayer. And may all of us seek ways to act in harmony with our prayers in order that this present need for more Kingdom Halls may be filled. As Jehovah continues to open the way for more of the "other sheep" to be gathered into the one flock of his united worshipers, may he also see to it that we have adequate facilities for helping all these new ones to become firmly established in the truth and grow to spiritual maturity. May the sound of our crying out joyfully and in unison continue to be heard and increase day by day until it reaches its anticipated crescendo with the bringing in of the very last one of those to whom Jehovah will extend his protection during the great tribulation. Truly our happiness does abound now and will continue to increase in the future with Jehovah's rich blessing on our united worship of him as the only true God.

Meetings . . . Disciples (*Cont'd*)

for October, give commendation and remind others that they still have opportunity to enroll also. Announce any arrangements being made to assist those serving as pioneers during October.

20 min: Elder gives well-prepared talk on chapter 5 of *Our Ministry* book from page 28 to subheading on page 41. Highlight Scriptural requirements for those who are appointed to serve as overseers in the congregation.

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Subscriptions." Questions and answers and demonstrations. Assign capable brother to read selected paragraphs. Present one or two well-prepared brief demonstrations using Topic for Conversation "Can You Live Forever in Paradise?" Demonstrate how to tie in magazine article with Topic and then present subscription. Allow time for audience to comment on demonstrations.

Song 42 and concluding prayer.

New Book (*Cont'd*)

on the scriptures and to discern how these can help them to make sound decisions. Since youths are more prone to make the truth their own when someone studies with them personally, logically you parents with teenage children are the ones to do that.—Compare Genesis 18:19.

5 *United in Worship of the Only True God* is the book that is now recommended for study with newly interested persons after they have completed either the *Truth* book or *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. If you are conducting a study with someone who is ready to go into a second book, and if you have a copy of the new book, do not hesitate to start using it right away.

6 May we all use this new instrument well (1) to contribute to the spiritual advancement of ourselves and our own families and (2) to help others who have already studied basic Bible truths to press on to maturity.

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Sp'l Pios.	332	123.7	85.3	50.5	5.8
Pios.	23,644	78.0	46.3	29.4	3.5
Aux. Pios.	21,490	58.9	34.9	17.0	1.6
Pubs.	549,894	8.9	7.0	3.5	0.5
TOTAL	595,360				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,590

Improving Our Teaching Ability

1 As ministers of the good news, we have been entrusted with the responsibility of making disciples. (Matt. 28:19, 20) In the United States alone, over 150,000 new disciples have been baptized during just the last five years. This gives evidence of Jehovah's blessing upon our efforts in the ministry. But have all these new disciples been adequately trained to teach others? Indeed, have we all been careful to maintain a high level of teaching ability in our disciple-making work? Are we making disciples who are firmly established in the truth, and have they been trained in the art of teaching so they can help others?

2 We now have two excellent new teaching aids, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, for new ones, and *United in Worship of the Only True God*, for more advanced students. The effective use of these teaching aids will undoubtedly help more to become disciples of Christ. This emphasizes the need for us to give more attention to the various teaching qualities that will help us and those we teach to become complete in every respect as Christian disciples.—1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

JESUS WAS A TEACHER

3 The Great Teacher, Jesus Christ, set the model for us to follow in teaching others. He imitated his Father Jehovah God. (John 5:19; 6:45; 8:28) He showed great personal interest in those he taught. He loved his disciples and made personal sacrifices for their benefit. (Mark 6:31-34) His teaching was authoritative, based solidly on the inspired Word of God. (Matt. 7:28, 29) He demonstrated patience and was always kind, even when he was firm in dealing with those he taught. He was perfect in the art of teaching. He taught by example, practicing what he encouraged others to practice. And he used appropriate illustrations. (Matt. 13:34) He stimulated thinking ability through the skillful use of questions. (Matt. 17:24-26) He used repetition for emphasis and to make sure that his point would be well established in the minds of his hearers. (John 21:15-17) He taught, not just to convey knowledge but to sharpen understanding as well—helping his disciples to develop faith and a close relationship with Jehovah. He built up in his disciples the qualities they would need for them to be productive ministers and to remain steadfast in the faith.—Acts 1:8.

4 Whether we are among the thousands of new ones who have recently become Christian disciples or have many years of experience, we should all strive to imitate closely the example of Jesus, the Great Teacher. Articles in future issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry* will help us to improve our teaching ability.

Looking Ahead (*Cont'd*)

ule will help you contribute more to the meetings. Why not set these as goals for 1984? Reaching them will be spiritually rewarding.—Ps. 1:2.

5 Attending the Congregation Book Study is another very important part of our worship. We are now studying the *Live Forever* book. Being regular at this meeting will indeed add to our enthusiasm as we continue offering the book in the field during September. Starting studies in it should be another goal for each of us.

FAMILY GOALS

6 Family unity is precious in Jehovah's eyes. It is strengthened when families get involved in theocratic activities and work together toward common goals. When was the last time you went from door to door with your mate? Can you set aside a month in which the entire family could auxiliary pioneer or spend more time in field service? Do you set aside some time every month to preach together as a family? Those who do, experience great joy as they become more closely united in praising Jehovah.

7 Did you have a regular family study during 1983? Do all cooperate with the arrangement? Are all members of the family regular each week in the field service? Some may need to establish these as their goals for 1984.

8 Family unity can be strengthened by other goals too. Circuit assemblies provide a fine opportunity for family members to work together in volunteer service. There is also much to do in the upkeep of the Kingdom Hall. Elders will gladly suggest ways you can help.

9 We can be sure that Jehovah is happy when we work to achieve spiritual goals. Perhaps you would like to select, for a start, two or three of the above-mentioned goals. Then, as these are attained, move on to others. Make it your determination to continue advancing even more during the 1984 service year.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Subscriptions

[1] "'Look! There are days coming,' is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Jehovah, 'and I will send a famine into the land, . . . for hearing the words of Jehovah.'" (Amos 8:11) We can truly say that these words have found fulfillment today. There are people everywhere hungering for the truth. They need to hear the Word of God.

[2] Jehovah's people can supply this need. For over a hundred years we have been using *The Watchtower* to help satisfy such spiritual hunger. For the last 64 years *Awake!* also has been helping sincere persons to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth.

[3] No doubt you have enjoyed and benefited from the many fine articles that have been appearing in these magazines over the years. Why not help others benefit too? How can we do so?

BY OFFERING SUBSCRIPTIONS

[4] There have been some very fine experiences in obtaining subscriptions. For example, in the April issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* we were told of one brother in Macao who obtained 82 new subscriptions in November and 200 in December. Although we may not have that much success, a positive attitude will certainly assist toward obtaining subscriptions.

[5] This positive attitude is very important. After applying the suggestions made in the April *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, a circuit overseer wrote: "I want to say this has had a telling effect on all of us. I especially have noticed the difference in the past two weeks or so. Because of being positive toward obtaining subscriptions it is common for a car group to return from service, having taken at least four or five subscriptions."

[6] Another publisher wrote: "I really want to thank you for the special insert in the April *Kingdom Ministry*. My attitude about offering subscriptions has taken a 180° turn for the better. My qualms have disappeared about the price when I reflect that the average subscription in the U.S. costs $18.00 a year. The insert is chock-full of stimulating ideas." It would be good for all to review the April 1983 insert before each subscription campaign begins.

[7] A delightful spiritual meal has been prepared for us by "the faithful and discreet slave" class! The four issues of *The Watchtower* for October and November will open with feature articles on "Paradise" that should be very attractive for presenting to the public. The October 8 *Awake!* develops the subject "Moral Bankruptcy—Where Is It Leading?" And the cover subject of the October 15 *Watchtower* is "You Were Meant to Live in Paradise."

[8] When offering *Awake!* subscriptions during the month of October, it may be that after introducing yourself you could say: "Many feel that there is a general moral breakdown within the family and on all levels of business and government. Do you feel this is so? [Allow comment.] News reports seem to indicate this. But wicked men will not always maintain control. Note, please, what the Bible says at Psalm 37:29. [Read and comment.] The morally bankrupt condition we see on the earth must be leading to something bad. This issue of *Awake!* examines this alarming trend, in the article 'Moral Bankruptcy—Where Is It Leading?' [Discuss points from article.] We are offering this magazine on a subscription basis. You can receive 24 issues for $3.50." (Or you may want to offer a subscription for both magazines for $7.00.)

[9] It may be that you would like to offer *The Watchtower* initially. After introducing yourself, you could say: "With conditions in many parts of the world worsening day by day, many sincere people are asking if things will ever get better. What do you think? [Allow for a reply.] At Revelation 21:4 the Bible has comforting words about the changes God will bring. [Read and comment.] The October 1 issue of *The Watchtower* has articles showing that millions now alive will never die but can look forward to living forever in a Paradise on earth. I am sure you will find them encouraging. If you would like, this magazine can be sent to your home twice a month for an entire year for just $3.50."

[10] With the spiritual famine getting worse, we are happily experiencing the fulfillment of Isaiah 65:13: "Look! My own servants will eat." We are eating well! With such an abundance of spiritual food, why not share it with others? Be positive in offering subscriptions!

Announcements

- Literature offer for **September**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, for contribution of $2.50. **October and November**: Subscription for *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or both. Offer single one-year subscription for $3.50 or the two for $7.00. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00. **December**: *New World Translation* and any older 192-page book for contribution of $3.75 or *New World Translation* with the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* for $3.25. Continue offering the brochure whenever appropriate on contribution of 25c.
- After September 1 congregations may order additional copies of the *United in Worship* book. Remember, this publication will not be used at present as a house-to-house campaign offer. It is for use at home Bible studies, at the Congregation Book Study and for personal study. It may also be offered to people who have read the *Truth* or *Live Forever* books. As a start, we suggest you order about one book for each Bible study being conducted in the congregation as well as one for each publisher who may need a personal copy. When additional supplies are needed, these may be ordered.
- There will not be special public talks in January and February based on the *United in Worship* book. Plan to use talks from the regular series during that time.
- The presiding overseer or someone assigned by him should audit the congregation accounts on September 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- We are pleased to announce that a new *Cost List* has been prepared. Four copies are being sent to each congregation. The secretary should keep one copy; the other three should be given to the brothers caring for the literature, magazines and accounts.
- Important cost changes effective September 1, 1983:

Kingdom News Nos. 30, 31, 32	50c per 50 or 1,000 for $10.00
Handbills (Order in lots of 1,000.)	$3.00 per 1,000

- New Publications Available:
  - *Happiness—How to Find It* —Greek
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Efik, Hausa, Igbo, Palauan, Sango
  - *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry* —Greek, Italian
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
  - *Good News for All Nations* —English, French, Greek, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish
  - *School and Jehovah's Witnesses* —English, French, Greek, Spanish
  - *Kingdom News* No. 32 —English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
- Available Again in U.S.A.:
  - *"Your Will Be Done on Earth"* —Spanish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Kingdom Melodies* No. 4 (single cassette)

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

September 4: Pages 120 to 126
September 11: Pages 127 to 133
September 18: Pages 134 to 141
September 25: Pages 142 to 147

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 3-9

To prepare for subscription campaign:

1. What should we have in our witnessing bag?
2. How do you fill out subscription slips?

OCTOBER 10-16

In our introductions:

1. Why is it important to be friendly?
2. How can we determine what interests a specific person?
3. What subjects are of the most interest locally?

OCTOBER 17-23

In offering magazines:

1. Why is it good to have already read the magazines ourselves?
2. How may regular magazine features be used in witnessing?
3. Articles in the current issues might appeal especially to whom?

OCTOBER 24-30

To follow up interest:

1. What could we do with subscription promises?
2. How can we approach persons who have subscribed?
3. How could we handle Expiring Subscription slips?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Can You Live Forever in Paradise?
Ps. 37:29—The Bible says you can.
Rev. 21:4—What God will do.

God's Kingdom—A Reality

[1] God's Kingdom by Christ Jesus is a reality. It has permanence. For just as Jehovah is the "King of eternity," his associate King, Jesus, now also has "the power of an indestructible life." (Rev. 15:3; Heb. 7:1, 2, 15, 16) The reality of the Kingdom is shown today in the transforming effect it has on the lives of its supporters as they leave behind worldly ways and conform to the laws and principles of the Kingdom's book of instruction, the Bible. Further clear-cut evidence that it is real is seen in the worldwide unity of those from all nations who have become subjects of the Kingdom.—Prov. 14:28; Acts 10:34, 35.

[2] Recognizing the reality of the Kingdom and wanting to be obedient to the commands of its King Jesus Christ, Jehovah's people earth wide regularly share in declaring "the good news of the kingdom of God." (Luke 4:43) They want all to know what the Kingdom can do for people now and in the future. Too, they are most grateful that Jehovah God through his organization has equipped them with the instruments they need to proclaim his Kingdom to others.—Heb. 13:20, 21.

THE WATCHTOWER—ANNOUNCING JEHOVAH'S KINGDOM

[3] One of the most helpful instruments put in their hands is *The Watchtower*. It has championed God's Kingdom for more than a hundred years. Moreover, it has kept watch by calling attention to Scriptural warnings to "keep awake" spiritually. It has alerted its readers as to how present-day wars, famines, pestilences and other happenings serve as indicators that these are the "critical times" marking "the last days" of this system of things.—Matt. 24:14; Luke 21:10-17, 36; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

[4] Similarly, *Awake!*, while carrying articles on a variety of subjects, most importantly builds confidence in the Creator's promise of a peaceful and secure New Order within our generation, under the rule of God's Kingdom.

[5] The effect that these outstanding magazines have had on subscribers is well illustrated by the comments of one couple who wrote: "We have always read and loved

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Make Disciples of Your Children

[1] Jesus commanded his followers: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, . . . teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19, 20) There is no work more vital. It involves teaching persons so that they will come to know Jehovah and love and serve him from their hearts. Parents have an added responsibility to make disciples of their children as well.—Eph. 6:4.

[2] Making disciples of children involves many things. One of the most important of these is to have a regular family Bible study each week. When studying with an interested person, we give thought to his personality and any attitude that may hinder his spiritual growth. We draw him out and carefully listen to his response, so we will know what spiritual encouragement he needs. Concerned parents will give even more thoughtful attention to the thinking and attitudes of their children.

[3] Parents should be alert to detect any evidence of a drifting away to the world. If, as adult Christians, we have to be alert to this danger ourselves, how much more do we need to be sure our children progress spiritually. When children fail to comment at meetings or always read a simple answer from the paragraph, they need parental help. During your family study have them select paragraphs to comment on and help them prepare the answer in their own words. By using leading questions, help them to reason on Scriptural matters. Impress upon them Jehovah's goodness and love and their accountability to him in all things.—Prov. 1:7.

[4] Each day, a child is confronted with new ideas at school both during classes and in association with fellow students. Not all of these are wholesome. Because of lack of experience, children may accept false values, and gradually the spirit of the world may begin to erode the spiritual foundation the parent is trying to build. Each day, parents are confronted with the task of finding out what has been planted in their children's minds, uprooting what is wrong and replacing it with the wholesome truths found in God's Word. This requires much careful thought and constant attention on the part of the parents if they are going to make disciples of

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 2

Song 57

10 min: Pertinent Announcements and local announcements. Encourage magazine activity on second Saturday of the month. If time allows, include talking points from latest magazines.

20 min: "God's Kingdom—A Reality." Question-and-answer discussion. Review some specific points from insert of April 1983 *Kingdom Ministry* "Subscriptions—'Wisdom Calling Out'!" to show how subscriptions may be obtained. Let audience tell what points from this material have been helpful to them and how they will use points during the month of October.

15 min: "Some Adjustments in the Use of Various Forms." Talk by elder, explaining adjustments to extent necessary for benefit of publishers. Remind brothers to bring *School* brochure with them to next week's meeting.

Song 64 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 9

Song 73

8 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

17 min: "Make Disciples of Your Children." Discuss material with audience, stressing urgent need to apply suggestions now. Interview some parents as to how they will implement the suggestions in their own home. If available, interview parents who have successfully raised children, following thoughts similar to those expressed in the article.

20 min: Consider the *School* brochure, pages 5, 30 and 31, "Cooperation With the School System." This should principally be a talk with some question-and-answer discussion regarding parents' responsibility toward the children. They should not simply send their young ones off to school and let the secular authorities take care of their schooling. Parents have the major responsibility for the education of their children, even as the brochure notes. Discuss the practical ways that a parent can cooperate with the school system for the benefit of his child's education. Emphasize the importance of meeting with the teacher and discussing matters. If available, have a Witness mother who has had experience in talking to her children's teachers demonstrate how such a profitable meeting can be arranged and handled. Remind brothers to bring *Our Ministry* book next week.

Song 9 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 16

Song 66

5 min: Local announcements.

20 min: *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry,* pages 41-54. Talk by well-qualified elder, with questions and answers particularly on material under subheadings "Congregation Book Study Conductor" and "Benefiting Individually," pages 43-6.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Street Witnessing and Magazine Routes." Question-and-answer discussion. Briefly demonstrate how street witnessing should be done and how to start a magazine route.

5 min: Encourage witnessing with magazines on fourth Saturday of the month. Suggest talking points in current magazines. Remind brothers to bring *School* brochure for Service Meeting next week.

Song 25 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 23

Song 94

5 min: Local announcements.

20 min: "Improving Our Teaching Ability—By Demonstrating Personal Concern." Question-and-answer discussion. Give practical illustrations of what can be done through personal attention to help Bible students draw close to Jehovah's organization.

10 min: Consider *School* brochure on "Holidays and Celebrations." Use introductory material of this section and the material on *Halloween* and *All Saints' Day;* additional material from our publications may be introduced as well.

10 min: Experiences in obtaining subscriptions, placing magazines or using *School* brochure this month. Remind brothers to bring *School* brochure again next week.

Song 82 and concluding prayer.

Children (*Cont'd*)

their children.—2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 Pet. 5:8.

[5] Now that your children are back to school, have you equipped them with the spiritual armor that they need in order to "quench all the wicked one's burning missiles"? (Eph. 6:16) Do they understand basic issues they may face, such as Christian neutrality, flag salute, holidays and evolution, clearly enough so that they can logically explain them to others? As they grow older, are you equipping them to make the right decisions regarding bad associations, dating, drugs and sexual immorality? It will not be easy, but by diligent effort you can succeed in helping them to grow spiritually throughout their school years.—Phil. 4:13.

[6] In the early years, put before your children theocratic goals—regular pioneering, Bethel service or missionary work. Encourage your children to auxiliary pioneer during school vacations. How happy Hannah was to receive many blessings from Jehovah as a result of giving her firstborn to Jehovah's service. (1 Sam. 2:18-21) Today many theocratic parents rejoice in having one or more of their children serving faithfully in some branch of full-time service. They know this serves as a protection for their children, as well as for the vindication of Jehovah's name. Jehovah richly blesses those who serve him wholeheartedly. (Prov. 10:22) How wise are all parents who encourage their children to apply Jesus' counsel to put Kingdom interests first.—Matt. 6:33.

[7] One of the best ways to train a child is by example. Words without corresponding action have little lasting effect upon a child. Parents are the prime example a youngster imitates. When you encourage him to put Kingdom interests first, if he is to be properly motivated, you must reflect this in your actions. If the child is encouraged to pioneer, then his parents should take the field ministry seriously, doing as much as they reasonably can, auxiliary pioneering from time to time if possible. There cannot be two standards of conduct and speech, one for the Kingdom Hall and another for the home.

[8] Family study should be taken seriously and never allowed to become a hit-or-miss affair, studying together only when nothing else comes up. Those parents who work hard to set a fine example themselves and make disciples of their children accordingly can rejoice as they see them grow in love for Jehovah's organization.

[9] Raising a family in the truth is a real challenge for parents in these last days. Truly these are "critical times hard to deal with." (2 Tim. 3:1-5) We recognize that the world is trying to squeeze our children into its mold. We know that those conforming to it will be cast off by Jehovah. (Rom. 1:28-32) How vital then that we exert ourselves vigorously to make disciples of our children even as we work hard to help our neighbors lay hold on the prize of the "life now and that which is to come"!—1 Tim. 4:8b.

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1984

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1984 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, Bible Topics for Discussion* [*td*], and the books *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*] and *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* [*sg*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song and prayer and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder if possible, or, when necessary, by a qualified ministerial servant. When based on the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook,* this should be delivered as a 10-minute instruction talk followed by a 5-minute oral review. Since a part of a study is assigned from this book, the brother handling this assignment should be careful to cover only the portion of the material that is assigned. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

When based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial,"* this assignment should be delivered as a 15-minute instruction talk with no oral review following. Once again, the objective is not just to summarize the material but rather to focus attention on the practical value of the information, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation.

All assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. The brother handling Assignment No. 1 should be given private counsel, if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder assigned by him. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. To the extent possible include the audience in the discussion. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. Of course, nondedicated persons who are leading lives that conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read. The material may also be presented by a boy reading it to a qualified older brother who may then use questions to draw comments from the boy on the value of the material.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to a sister, including younger ones, whenever possible. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field ministry, in the congregation or elsewhere. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned preferably to a brother with some experience. This should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the speaker to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.

When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. In addition, comments on informative and practical points that the students may not have included in the presentation can help to keep the attention of all focused primarily on the Scriptural information presented. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. If the student speaker merits only a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle a speech quality the student should work on next, doing so in the box where the "G," "I" or "W" would normally appear. It would be advisable for those giving talks to sit toward the front of the hall. This will help to save time, and also it will enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the school overseer. Talks Nos. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. If the school overseer assigns someone to give the "stop signal," that one should be advised as to the importance of doing this whenever a talk goes overtime. If a brother handling Assignment No. 1 goes overtime, he should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, not counting song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEWS: Periodically, a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper, and in reading off all the answers, the school overseer will concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 75 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it is necessary, sisters may take any student talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talk No. 3.

ABSENTEES: The entire congregation can show appreciation for this school by being present, when possible, at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or, the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 Bible reading: Exodus 28 and 29

No. 1: *si* p. 7 par. 1 to p. 9 par. 13

No. 2: Exodus 28:29-43

No. 3: *td* 1A "Why Not Worship One's Ancestors?"

No. 4: *td* 2B "What Will Be the Christian's Part in God's Final War?"

Jan. 8 Bible reading: Exodus 30 to 32

No. 1: *si* p. 9 par. 14 to p. 11 par. 28

No. 2: Exodus 32:19, 20, 25-35

No. 3: *td* 3C "Is 'Baptism for the Dead' Scriptural?"

No. 4: *td* 4E "Are There Other 'Holy Books' or Traditions That Are Inspired?"

Jan. 15 Bible reading: Exodus 33 to 35
No. 1: *sg* p. 5 par. 1 to p. 7 par. 9
No. 2: Exodus 34:1-16
No. 3: *td* 4F "For Whom Was the Bible Written?"
No. 4: *td* 5A "When Others Ask: 'Why Don't You Accept Blood Transfusions?'"

Jan. 22 Bible reading: Exodus 36 to 38
No. 1: *sg* p. 7 par. 10 to p. 9 par. 16
No. 2: Exodus 36:1-13
No. 3: *td* 6A "How Do We Know the Gentile Times Ended in 1914?"
No. 4: *td* 7A "What Is the True Church and Its Foundation?"

Jan. 29 Bible reading: Exodus 39 and 40
No. 1: *sg* p. 9 par. 1 to p. 11 par. 12
No. 2: Exodus 39:32-43
No. 3: *td* 8A "What Moral Standards Must Christians Uphold?"
No. 4: *td* 10A "Why Was Jesus Hanged on a Stake?"

Feb. 5 Bible reading: Leviticus 1 to 4
No. 1: *si* p. 25 par. 1 to p. 26 par. 10; p. 29 par. 28 to p. 30 par. 39
No. 2: Leviticus 1:1-13
No. 3: *td* 11A "Why Does Man Die?"
No. 4: *td* 14B "Who Is the Ruler of the World?"

Feb. 12 Bible reading: Leviticus 5 to 7
No. 1: *sg* p. 12 par. 13 to p. 13 par. 20
No. 2: Leviticus 5:1-13
No. 3: *td* 15A "Why Are Some Disfellowshipped From the Congregation?"
No. 4: *td* 15B "What Are Some Causes for Disfellowshipping?"

Feb. 19 Bible reading: Leviticus 8 to 10
No. 1: *sg* p. 14 par. 1 to p. 17 par. 10
No. 2: Leviticus 10:1-11
No. 3: *td* 17A "What Is God's Purpose for the Earth?"
No. 4: *td* 19A "How Can False Prophets Be Recognized?"

Feb. 26 Written Review. Complete Exodus 28 to Leviticus 10

Mar. 4 Bible reading: Leviticus 11 to 13
No. 1: *sg* p. 17 par. 11 to p. 19 par. 17
No. 2: Leviticus 11:1-12, 46, 47
No. 3: *td* 20D "How Is Christian Warfare a Protection for Others?"
No. 4: *td* 21A "What Constitutes Good Works?"

Mar. 11 Bible reading: Leviticus 14 and 15
No. 1: *sg* p. 19 par. 1 to p. 21 par. 9
No. 2: Leviticus 14:1-13
No. 3: *td* 22A "What Permanent Benefits Does Spiritual Healing Have?"
No. 4: *td* 23A "Do All Good People Go to Heaven?"

Mar. 18 Bible reading: Leviticus 16 to 18
No. 1: *sg* p. 21 par. 10 to p. 24 par. 20
No. 2: Leviticus 16:1-14
No. 3: *td* 24D "Is Not Heaven's Existence Proof That Hell Exists?"
No. 4: *td* 25A "Is the Observance of Feast Days Required of Christians?"

Mar. 25 Bible reading: Leviticus 19 to 21
No. 1: *sg* p. 24 par. 1 to p. 26 par. 11
No. 2: Leviticus 19:1-15
No. 3: *td* 26A "Is It Wrong to Use Images as an Aid in Worship?"
No. 4: *td* 28A "When Others Say: 'You Can Interpret the Bible Any Way You Want.'"

Apr. 1 Bible reading: Leviticus 22 to 24
No. 1: *sg* p. 27 par. 12 to p. 29 par. 20
No. 2: Leviticus 23:1-14
No. 3: *td* 29A "What Is the Personal Name of God?"
No. 4: *td* 30A "What Is the Origin of Jehovah's Witnesses?"

Apr. 8 Bible reading: Leviticus 25 to 27
No. 1: *sg* p. 29 par. 1 to p. 31 par. 7
No. 2: Leviticus 25:1-12
No. 3: *td* 29D "What Are God's Dominant Attributes?"
No. 4: *td* 31B "Who Is Jesus Christ?"

Apr. 15 Bible reading: Numbers 1 to 3
No. 1: *si* p. 30 par. 1 to p. 31 par. 10; p. 34 par. 32 to p. 35 par. 38
No. 2: Numbers 3:38-51
No. 3: *td* 31F "Were Jewish Hopes Fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah?"
No. 4: *td* 33A "What Is the Purpose of God's Kingdom?"

Apr. 22 Bible reading: Numbers 4 to 6
No. 1: *sg* p. 31 par. 8 to p. 33 par. 15
No. 2: Numbers 6:1-12
No. 3: *td* 33C "When Did God's Kingdom Begin Operating?"
No. 4: *td* 34B "Why Do We Need to Be Awake to the Signs of the Last Days?"

Apr. 29 Written Review. Complete Leviticus 11 to Numbers 6

May 6 Bible reading: Numbers 7 and 8
No. 1: *sg* p. 33 par. 1 to p. 35 par. 9
No. 2: Numbers 8:14-26
No. 3: *td* 36C "When Others Say: 'All Good People Go to Heaven.'"
No. 4: *td* 36D "Is There a Limit to the Number of Those Who Gain Heavenly Life?"

May 13 Bible reading: Numbers 9 to 12
No. 1: *sg* p. 36 par. 10 to p. 38 par. 17
No. 2: Numbers 12:1-16
No. 3: *td* 36E "For How Many Is Earthly Life Promised?"
No. 4: *td* 38A "Why Is Marriage a Sacred Institution?"

May 20 Bible reading: Numbers 13 to 15
No. 1: *sg* p. 39 par. 1 to p. 41 par. 11
No. 2: Numbers 14:1-12
No. 3: *td* 37F "Does It Matter What Literature One Reads?"
No. 4: *td* 37B "Why Is Reading Bible Literature Not Confusing?"

May 27 Bible reading: Numbers 16 to 19
No. 1: *sg* p. 41 par. 12 to p. 43 par. 18
No. 2: Numbers 17:1-13
No. 3: *td* 37I "Why Does One Not Need Money to Get the Truth?"
No. 4: *td* 37C "When Others Say: 'I Have My Own Church Literature.'"

June 3 Bible reading: Numbers 20 to 22
No. 1: *sg* p. 44 par. 1 to p. 46 par. 8
No. 2: Numbers 20:1-13
No. 3: *td* 37H "Why Does One Need Help to Understand the Bible?"
No. 4: *td* 38C "Who Is the Head of the Christian Family?"

June 10 Bible reading: Numbers 23 to 26
No. 1: *sg* p. 46 par. 9 to p. 48 par. 20
No. 2: Numbers 25:1-13
No. 3: *td* 39B "Should Prayers Be Directed to Mary?"
No. 4: *td* 43B "Should Christians Pray for This World?"

June 17 Bible reading: Numbers 27 to 30
No. 1: *sg* p. 49 par. 1 to p. 51 par. 8
No. 2: Numbers 30:1-16
No. 3: *td* 41C "Did the Jewish Fathers Hope in God's Kingdom?"
No. 4: *td* 41D "Was the Suffering of Jews Foretold in Prophecy?"

June 24 Bible reading: Numbers 31 and 32
No. 1: *sg* p. 51 par. 9 to p. 53 par. 18
No. 2: Numbers 31:1-12
No. 3: *td* 42D "Should Family Opposition Prevent One From Serving God?"
No. 4: *td* 42F "What Warning Does the Bible Give Persecutors?"

July 1 Written Review. Complete Numbers 7 to 32

July 8 Bible reading: Numbers 33 to 36
No. 1: *sg* p. 54 par. 1 to p. 56 par. 8
No. 2: Numbers 35:9-25
No. 3: *td* 47C "Why Is It Proper to Condemn False Doctrine?"
No. 4: *td* 47D "Why Must False Leaders Be Exposed?"

July 15 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 1 to 3
No. 1: *si* p. 36 par. 1 to p. 37 par. 9; p. 40 par. 30 to p. 41 par. 34
No. 2: Deuteronomy 1:29-46
No. 3: *td* 47H "Is There a True Religion?"
No. 4: *td* 47F "When Others Say: 'I Have My Own Religion.'"

July 22 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 4 to 6
No. 1: *sg* p. 56 par. 9 to p. 58 par. 16
No. 2: Deuteronomy 5:6-22
No. 3: *td* 48B "Where Will the Dead Be Resurrected?"
No. 4: *td* 51B "How Only Can One Be 'Saved'?"

July 29 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 7 to 10
No. 1: *sg* p. 58 par. 1 to p. 61 par. 12
No. 2: Deuteronomy 7:1-11
No. 3: *td* 53C "What Was the Forbidden Fruit?"
No. 4: *td* 58B "Why Could Not Jesus Be Equal to Jehovah?"

Aug. 5 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 11 to 14
No. 1: *sg* p. 61 par. 13 to p. 63 par. 18
No. 2: Deuteronomy 13:1-11
No. 3: *td* 59B "What Is the Significance of World Distress?"
No. 4: *td* 59E "When Others Say: 'Why Has God Allowed Wickedness for So Long?'"

Aug. 12 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 15 to 19
No. 1: *sg* p. 63 par. 1 to p. 66 par. 10
No. 2: Deuteronomy 18:9-22
No. 3: *td* 57A "Why Are There So Many Bible Translations?"
No. 4: *td* 59F "What Is the Solution to World Distress?"

Aug. 19 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 20 to 23
No. 1: *sg* p. 66 par. 11 to p. 69 par. 22
No. 2: Deuteronomy 23:9-25
No. 3: *td* 59A "Will We Ever Be Freed From World Distress?"
No. 4: *td* 60E "Must All Christians Share in Witnessing to Others?"

Aug. 26 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 24 to 27
No. 1: *sg* p. 69 par. 1 to p. 71 par. 8
No. 2: Deuteronomy 24:10-22
No. 3: *td* 60F "Why Must All Kinds of Men Be Reached With a Witness?"
No. 4: *td* 60G "Why Must Christians Preach to Others?"

Sept. 2 Written Review. Complete Numbers 33 to Deuteronomy 27

Sept. 9 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 28 to 30
No. 1: *sg* p. 72 par. 9 to p. 73 par. 13
No. 2: Deuteronomy 30:8-20
No. 3: *td* 4D "Is It Scriptural to Quote Scattered Texts?"
No. 4: *td* 4C "Why Is the Bible Practical for Our Day?"

Sept. 16 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 31 to 34
No. 1: *sg* p. 73 par. 1 to p. 75 par. 8
No. 2: Deuteronomy 32:1-14
No. 3: *td* 4H "What Internal Evidence Proves the Bible's Canonicity?"
No. 4: *td* 6C "When Was Jesus Born?"

Sept. 23 Bible reading: Joshua 1 to 5
No. 1: *si* p. 42 par. 1 to p. 43 par. 5; p. 45 par. 21 to p. 46 par. 24
No. 2: Joshua 1:1-11
No. 3: *td* 7C "Where Should Christians Meet Together?"
No. 4: *td* 8B "Why Is the True Adornment That of the Heart?"

Sept. 30 Bible reading: Joshua 6 to 9
No. 1: *sg* p. 75 par. 9 to p. 78 par. 17
No. 2: Joshua 6:12-27
No. 3: *td* 14C "Who Is Responsible for World Distress?"
No. 4: *td* 15C "What Repentance Is Essential for Divine Forgiveness?"

Oct. 7 Bible reading: Joshua 10 to 13
No. 1: *sg* p. 78 par. 1 to p. 80 par. 10
No. 2: Joshua 10:1-14
No. 3: *td* 17B "Will Paradise Ever Be Restored?"
No. 4: *td* 20B "To Whom Is a Christian's First Responsibility?"

Oct. 14 Bible reading: Joshua 14 to 17
No. 1: *sg* p. 80 par. 11 to p. 84 par. 24
No. 2: Joshua 14:1-14
No. 3: *td* 20C "Why Must Christians Remain Neutral?"
No. 4: *td* 21B "Is Keeping the Golden Rule Sufficient to Please God?"

Oct. 21 Bible reading: Joshua 18 to 20
No. 1: *sg* p. 84 par. 1 to p. 88 par. 9
No. 2: Joshua 20:1-9
No. 3: *td* 21C "Why Must Faith Be Backed by Works?"
No. 4: *td* 22B "Will God's Kingdom Bring Permanent Physical Cures?"

Oct. 28 Bible reading: Joshua 21 to 24
No. 1: *sg* p. 88 par. 10 to p. 90 par. 15
No. 2: Joshua 24:1-15
No. 3: *td* 24C "Of What Is Fire a Symbol?"
No. 4: *td* 25B "Did the Early Christians Celebrate Birthdays?"

Nov. 4 Written Review. Complete Deuteronomy 28 to Joshua 24

Nov. 11 Bible reading: Judges 1 to 4
No. 1: *si* p. 46 par. 1 to p. 47 par. 8; p. 50 pars. 27 to 29
No. 2: Judges 2:8-23
No. 3: *td* 29B "Why Is God's Name to Be Made Known?"
No. 4: *td* 31C "Who Is God's Greatest Prophet?"

Nov. 18 Bible reading: Judges 5 to 7
No. 1: *sg* p. 90 par. 1 to p. 92 par. 7
No. 2: Judges 7:7-22
No. 3: *td* 29C "How Do We Know That God Exists?"
No. 4: *td* 31D "Why Is Belief in Jesus Essential to Salvation?"

Nov. 25 Bible reading: Judges 8 to 10
No. 1: *sg* p. 92 par. 8 to p. 95 par. 18
No. 2: Judges 8:13-28
No. 3: *td* 29E "Why Is It Fatal to Deny God's Existence?"
No. 4: *td* 33B "What Will God's Kingdom Do for Mankind?"

Dec. 2 Bible reading: Judges 11 to 14
No. 1: *si* p. 269 par. 1 to p. 274 par. 16
No. 2: Judges 11:28-40
No. 3: *td* 35B "Must Christians Keep the Ten Commandments?"
No. 4: *td* 36B "How Is Everlasting Life Assured for Obedient Mankind?"

Dec. 9 Bible reading: Judges 15 to 18
No. 1: *si* p. 274 par. 17 to p. 277 par. 32
No. 2: Judges 16:18-31
No. 3: *td* 38B "Why Must the Marriage Union Be Kept Honorable?"
No. 4: *td* 42E "Why Cannot Apostates Prevent God's 'Sheep' From Hearing?"

Dec. 16 Bible reading: Judges 19 to 21
No. 1: *si* p. 349 par. 1 to p. 352 par. 16
No. 2: Judges 21:8-25
No. 3: *td* 51C "What Does It Mean to Be 'Born Again'?"
No. 4: *td* 53F "What Constitutes Sin Against the Holy Spirit?"

Dec. 23 Bible Reading: Ruth 1 to 4
No. 1: *si* p. 51 par. 1 to p. 53 par. 10
No. 2: Ruth 1:7-22
No. 3: *td* 59I "What Must We Decide as the End of Wickedness Nears?"
No. 4: *td* 60B "Why Must We Repeatedly Witness to Others?"

Dec. 30 Written Review. Complete Judges 1 to Ruth 4

Reality *(Cont'd)*

the Bible and realized it was God's Word. However, like so many others, we did not properly understand it. Then when we received *The Watchtower,* the key to the Bible's message came into our hands. It has meant so much to us." Another person was moved to write: "The day *The Watchtower* first came into my home, I read it and immediately a window was opened toward a wonderful future. I had always been taught such things as immortality of the soul, fiery hell and Trinity. But after reading *The Watchtower* for an hour, I cried out, 'I have found the truth,' and have never left it."

6 *Our Kingdom Ministry* also lends its support to Kingdom proclaimers. The April issue had an excellent insert on obtaining subscriptions. It urged us to have a positive attitude. Was it helpful? Judge for yourselves by the results of the subscription campaign in April and May of this year. A year ago during the spring subscription campaign we obtained 167,253 subscriptions. During the same period this year we obtained 269,536, or 102,283 more. You will find it helpful to review the April insert as we enter our new campaign.

7 How appropriate that during the months of October and November we will again offer a one-year subscription to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for $3.50 each or $7.00 for the two. By reading these magazines along with the Bible, many thousands of persons in all parts of the earth have come to accept the reality of God's Kingdom and to give it their loyal support. Because God's Kingdom is the only solution to the problems that distress mankind, we should be moved to have a full share in distributing these magazines, which proclaim the Kingdom. The lives of others are at stake. It is our united prayer that Jehovah will bless our efforts to help many more persons to submit themselves to his Kingdom by Christ Jesus, to their lasting joy and eternal welfare.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	304	122.6	92.2	50.1	5.5
Pios.	23,715	73.4	45.5	27.5	3.4
Aux. Pios.	21,032	60.1	36.0	15.8	1.5
Pubs.	588,364	9.1	7.4	3.4	0.5
TOTAL	633,415				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 7,174

The total publishers for July is 27,601 more than we had for the same month last year. It also represents a 9-percent increase over the average number of publishers for the past service year. A fine report!

Improving Our Teaching Ability —By Demonstrating Personal Concern

1 "Feed my little sheep." (John 21:17) With those words, Jesus emphasized his genuine love and personal concern for sheeplike ones who need to be spiritually fed the Word of truth. Three times Jesus stressed to Peter that, by ministering to others, he would be demonstrating his love for the Messiah.

2 Jesus proved himself a real friend and an affectionate companion to his followers, 'loving them to the end.' (John 13:1) As imitators of him, we need to display similar personal concern toward prospective new disciples, sharing with them the vital truths of God's Word. (Matt. 28:19, 20) There are several ways we can do this.

TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THEM

3 Personal concern can be shown by inviting Bible students to the meetings and making arrangements for their transportation when necessary. By being generous, kind and hospitable, we help our students to see true Christianity at work. Godly qualities are contagious and often engender a spirit similar to that which we display toward them, resulting in the development of fine, close friendships based on principled love.

4 Showing interest in our Bible students on occasions other than during the formal study can also be most rewarding. As the students advance in the truth, some publishers show hospitality by inviting them to their homes where they find wholesome, theocratic fellowship. Inviting other publishers on such occasions contributes to their making new friends. (Read Mark 10:29, 30.) Such theocratic association can aid their growth to Christian maturity and help them cultivate good habits. (Prov. 13:20; compare 1 Corinthians 15:33.) As they fellowship with us and observe our fine Christian conduct, undoubtedly they will see that we are not just preaching the Word of God but living by it, making it a way of life.—Jas. 1:22.

5 Occasionally, we may feel that our students are not making the progress we expect of them. What should we do? We should lovingly assist them in the areas where help is needed the most. If they have difficulty overcoming certain weaknesses, search out from the Society's publications helpful reference material that bears on the problem and share it with them. Also, pray *with* them about the matter. (Compare James 5:16.) Help them build a real dependence upon Jehovah, an appreciation for the need to pray regularly and the need to act in harmony with those prayers.—1 Pet. 3:12; 1 John 3:22.

6 Demonstrating personal concern requires patience and love on our part. But how rewarding this is when we see those with whom we have studied "glorify the word of Jehovah" and become "believers"! Like the faithful disciples who taught those new ones in apostolic times, we too will be "filled with joy and holy spirit."—Acts 13:48, 52.

Some Adjustments in the Use of Various Forms

1 As part of an effort toward simplification, the Governing Body has approved a number of adjustments regarding the use of handbills and Memorial invitations as well as programs and lapel cards for circuit assemblies. These adjustments are designed to save many man-hours of work for the Society and to cut down on some of the work load for local overseers. Additionally, considerable expense will be eliminated without diminishing the effectiveness of the Kingdom-preaching work or our ministering to the needs of the congregations.

2 Handbills for the special spring talk and those for circuit assembly public talks are being discontinued, but the handbills advertising weekly congregation meetings will still be available, and all congregations are encouraged to keep a good supply of these on hand for use in the field. Also beginning with 1984, it will not be necessary for congregations to order Memorial invitations.

3 A standard Memorial invitation for all congregations will be provided. The invitations will be distinctive each year. They will be consigned in sufficient quantities, based on the number of copies of *Our Kingdom Ministry* that are sent to each congregation. These invitations are not to be reordered. Congregations will be billed at the rate of $1.25 for each package of 450 invitations. The Memorial invitations for April 15, 1984, will be mailed separately, but starting in August of next year, they will be sent along with the regular shipment of forms and other congregation supplies. Since these standard Memorial invitations will simply show the date and give the time for the celebration as after sundown, they will be used in conjunction with the regular congregation meeting handbills. In offering the Memorial invitation to an interested person, the publisher can supply any additional information.

4 These adjustments will represent great savings in time, work and expense for all concerned. However,

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Street Witnessing and Magazine Routes

[1] From the very beginning of the modern work of Jehovah's Witnesses, magazines have been used to help "hungry" ones to learn the truth. At first this was done basically through subscriptions, but in January 1940 some new methods of placing magazines were proposed. It was suggested to the 67,000 publishers then associated in the United States that individual copies be offered on the streets and through magazine routes. What was the result? The *1941 Yearbook* answers: "Individual magazines to the amount of nearly 3,000,000 were distributed in this manner."

[2] Last year with over 600,000 publishers in the field, over 80 million magazines were distributed in the United States. Many of these were placed in the regular door-to-door work. Perhaps this is how you shared in distributing them. Could you reach even more who are hungering for the truth by placing magazines on busy streets and on a magazine route? Have you tried these methods yet?

STREET WITNESSING

[3] Many publishers and pioneers do street witnessing near transportation centers early in the morning when people are on their way to work. One sister approached a woman from a foreign country, and the woman was delighted to have the magazines. She asked if someone could study with her in her language, as she had been searching for Jehovah's Witnesses. Now she is feeding regularly at Jehovah's table.

[4] Two sisters, while waiting for the rest of the group to finish door-to-door work on a Sunday, approached people on a busy street and placed over 20 magazines each in just a few minutes. One of the sisters placed a book with a college professor who commented that he was searching for the truth and even wanted more material, in addition to the magazines.

[5] How did these publishers place so many magazines? They *approached* people walking along the street and those in parked cars. Smiling warmly, they directed attention to a particular article in the magazine that they thought might interest the person. They were, in fact, witnessing from person to person rather than simply standing or walking along holding up magazines.

MAGAZINE ROUTES

[6] Publishers who are successful in establishing magazine routes say that the first essential is regularity in magazine activity. Upon placing magazines from door to door, they suggest to the person: "If you enjoy these issues, you may wish to have succeeding copies, and so I will stop by in two weeks to give you the opportunity to obtain the next issues." Others refer to "In Our Next Issue" and point out the interesting articles that will appear. They may say, "I'm looking forward to reading this article when it comes out. Perhaps you would like to read it too." Some refer to the articles that appear as regular features, such as "Young People Ask" or "God's Word Is Alive."

[7] When making commitments to call again, it is important to be sure that you return. Your own consistency in returning on your magazine route can build up a warm, friendly relationship between you and the householder, and there will be a greater readiness to obtain the magazines. Some who have magazine routes find that a good time to call is in the early evening just after the householder has returned from secular work. Others make their route calls on Saturday.

[8] Whether on the street or on magazine routes, let us take advantage of all opportunities to get the magazines into the hands of the people. —Ps. 107:9.

Adjustments (*Cont'd*)

there will be further simplifications regarding circuit assemblies. In addition to discontinuing the use of handbills for circuit assembly public talks, we will use standard circuit assembly programs for the series beginning in February 1984. Circuit overseers are being informed about the procedure to follow in ordering such programs. Use of lapel cards at circuit assemblies is being discontinued. However, lapel cards will continue to be used at district conventions.

[5] As the Kingdom work continues to expand and increase throughout the earth, it becomes more important for us to make the most efficient use of all of our resources and energies. We want to accomplish the most good with the talents and assets that Jehovah has entrusted to our care. (Compare Ecclesiastes 10:10.) The fine support that all the brothers are giving to the preaching work today is greatly appreciated by the Society. It must bring joy to Jehovah's heart. No doubt these new arrangements will have Jehovah's blessing and prove to be advantageous in accomplishing the work ahead.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **October and November**: Subscription for *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* for $3.50; both subscriptions may be offered for $7.00; six-month subscriptions are $2.00; **December**: *New World Translation* and either *Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation?* or any other older 192-page book for a contribution of $3.75. The brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* may be offered with the Bible for a contribution of $3.25. **January and February**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for $2.50; otherwise any 192-page book may be used.
- New Publications Available:
  My Book of Bible Stories —Marshallese, Sango, Tahitian, Yoruba
  Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry —Japanese
  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!—Baoule
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  Exodus (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —English
  Album with complete Greek Scriptures (22 cassettes; congregation and public: $34.50; pioneers: $22.00) —Spanish
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  "Preach the Word" —English
  "Singing and Accompanying Yourselves With Music in Your Hearts" (deluxe and paper editions) —English
- *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry* is now available in grade-two English Braille. This five-volume publication for the visually impaired is available to baptized publishers and those preparing for baptism. Such persons may obtain this Braille publication by giving their order, along with their name, address and remittance of $6.25, to the congregation secretary. He will then forward the order to the Society, ATTENTION: BRAILLE DESK. The publication is not available on a loan basis.
- Congregation Book Studies for the weeks of January 1 through February 5, 1984, will be conducted in the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* (1979 revised edition). Instructions for conducting these studies will be given in the December issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Congregations may need to order a supply of the brochure so that everyone attending the Congregation Book Study will have a copy. Beginning with the week of February 12, 1984, the new book *United in Worship of the Only True God* will be used in the Congregation Book Studies.
- With this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we are including the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1984. This will enable school overseers to become familiar with the instructions and make assignments well in advance.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

October 2:	Pages 148 to 154
October 9:	Pages 155 to 165
October 16:	Pages 166 to 174
October 23:	Pages 175 to 183
October 30:	Pages 184 to 190

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 6

How has *The Watchtower* helped fulfill

1. John 17:3?
2. Proverbs 9:5, 6?
3. Revelation 9:16, 17, 19?

NOVEMBER 7-13

In service today how can you use

1. Illustrations in *The Watchtower?*
2. The teaching box?
3. The circulation and language figures?

NOVEMBER 14-20

Discuss advantages of

1. Showing householder several issues.
2. Householder subscribing to both magazines.
3. Featuring large-print magazines where appropriate.

NOVEMBER 21-27

Why is it not good to

1. Prejudge a householder's response?
2. Feel negative about the subscription cost?
3. Be shy about offering subscriptions?

NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 4

Offering the *New World Translation*

1. Review topic for conversation.
2. What text comparisons will you make?
3. What other features will you highlight?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Can You Live Forever in Paradise?

Ps. 37:29—The Bible says you can.

Rev. 21:4—What God will do.

Train Your Perceptive Powers

[1] Few, if any, of us get through life without facing momentous decisions. Some decisions seriously affect our future and our happiness, perhaps even our relationship with God. For example: The doctor insists that if you do not have a blood transfusion you will die. Or you are ordered to compromise and break your Christian neutrality. That "nice" worldly boy at school asks you for a date. The coach wants you on the team. Friends invite you to pioneer with them. You face serious decisions indeed!

[2] When confronted with serious decisions, people react in different ways. Some procrastinate. Others want someone else to shoulder the responsibility of making the decision—perhaps mother, father, a friend, the elders or the Society. Some become physically ill from indecision! But there are others who are prepared to make proper decisions, having had "their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong." (Heb. 5:14) Paul says these are "mature people." They have reached the point where they can make mature decisions on serious matters without having others tell them what to do. How have they been able to do so? Two phrases used by Paul in Hebrews 5:14 that give the clue are: "through use" and "solid food."

TRAINING NEEDED

[3] Our perceptive powers are trained through use as we feed our minds regularly on the solid spiritual nourishment found in the Bible. In addition, we are helped to make right decisions if we take full advantage of the wholesome provisions from the "discreet slave." Experience in making right decisions on a day-to-day basis trains us to make proper decisions on more important issues that involve the doing of God's will.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

[4] Can you think of individuals mentioned in the Bible who relied on the solid food of God's Word to aid them in making right decisions? What about Jesus when faced with three temptations at a time when he was weak from 40 days of fasting? In each case Jesus demonstrated that his perceptive powers had been trained to distinguish right and wrong. His ready response to

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NEW PUBLISHER PEAK FOR AUGUST—643,170!

"It is good to give thanks to Jehovah," wrote the inspired psalmist. (Ps. 92:1) We have added reason for doing this in view of the fine August service report that closes out the outstanding 1983 service year. The total of 643,170 publishers represents a 10.5-percent increase over last year's average. The 23,943 regular pioneers for August is a new peak, the ninth during the past service year. Along with the many, many memorable events and blessings of the 1983 service year, the August report strengthens our resolve to keep on declaring the Kingdom good news with even more determination so as to produce fruitage to God's glory.—Phil. 1:11.

Use New Book to Help Others

[1] We were all thrilled this past summer to receive the new book, *United in Worship of the Only True God,* when it was released at the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions. On page 2 of that book the statement is made: "Millions of persons have a knowledge of basic Bible teachings. But to experience to the full the joy of sharing in united worship of the true God, they need to press on to Christian maturity. This book has been prepared to help all such persons to broaden and deepen their understanding of God's Word and to apply it more fully in their lives." Since we received this book have we put it into the hands of someone who could benefit from it in that way?

[2] It would be a kindness to offer it to anyone with whom you are conducting a home Bible study. Even if some will not be ready to study a second book for a number of months, their having the book may whet their appetite. It may also stimulate them to do additional reading, and that can hasten their spiritual growth. You have something good. Do not hold back from sharing it with them.—Prov. 3:27.

[3] We suggest that you also carry a copy of the book when sharing in your regular field ministry. Why? Because tens of millions of copies of the *Live Forever* book and the *Truth* book have been placed with interested persons. With many, home Bible studies have been conducted. If they continue to show some interest, present this new book, and then offer to study it with them. This is appropriate at any time, regardless of what our regular literature offer for the month may be.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 30

Song 77

5 min: Local announcements.

30 min: What Is Your Goal in Life? This part is to cover the first two subjects in the *School* brochure, "Our Purpose in Life" and "Our View of the Future," pages 4-7. Handle by questions and answers, with questions directed primarily to the school-age children. Use some viewpoint questions to determine true thinking of the children. Look up cited scriptures. Use young qualified brother to read selected paragraphs as time permits.

10 min: Conclude meeting with local experiences related to October subscription offer. Encourage continued zealous presentation of subscriptions during November. Refer to announcement on theocratic calendar for November 6, encouraging all to share in field service on first Sunday of month.

Song 73 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 6

Song 63

10 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Include financial report. Remind all to bring *Our Ministry* book to Service Meeting next week.

23 min: "Have Your 'Perceptive Powers Trained.'" Talk. Include 5-minute demonstration on paragraph 7. Teenage daughter asks her father if she can attend cousin's wedding, to be held in a church. Asks if Society would approve. Suggests father call or write. Father helps her see it is Jehovah's approval we want. Society has already given guidelines. Gets 1971-1975 *Index*. Subject "Weddings, attending worldly" refers to December 15, 1974, *Watchtower*, pages 766-7. Asks her to read the material and later tell him if she still wants to attend. Speaker concludes with comments on value of *The Watchtower*. Help our neighbors see value of subscribing during November. One-minute closing scene where daughter comments that Society does not say can't go, but after seeing all dangers involved has decided not to go.

12 min: "Use New Book to Help Others." Questions and answers. Conclude meeting with brief comment about announcement on theocratic calendar on November 12.

Song 85 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 13

Song 49

5 min: Local announcements.

18 min: Discussion of *Our Ministry* book, pages 55-9. This should be a discussion between two or possibly three elders. In addition to mentioning the qualifications of ministerial servants, tell who the local servants are and what responsibilities they are caring for. Build appreciation for these spiritual men and encourage other men to reach out for such responsibility in the congregation.—1 Tim. 3:13.

10 min: "Improving Our Teaching Ability—By Making Key Points Stand Out." Talk. Illustrate points from current book study material or Sunday's *Watchtower* lesson.

12 min: Do We Celebrate National Thanksgiving Day? Group discussion between elder and several children. Cover pertinent points from November 22, 1976, *Awake!*, pages 9-13. Children's comments include material from *School* brochure, page 21.

Song 111 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 20

Song 25

5 min: Local announcements. Bring *Our Ministry* book next week.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Calling Back on Subscribers." Questions and answers. In paragraphs 4 and 5 give specific points from current magazines or demonstrate briefly.

15 min: Use time for local needs or entertain expressions from long-time subscribers to *The Watchtower* on how particular truths or articles changed their lives or helped them make important decisions in life. Assign some in truth for number of years to give advance thought to point. Stress how subscriptions will help interested persons do the same.

5 min: Talk. Brothers throughout the world will be observing point made on date of November 26 on theocratic calendar. Encourage congregation to join international brotherhood and thus help render "sacred service day and night."—Rev. 7:15.

Song 9 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 27

Song 19

5 min: Local announcements. Refer to comment on theocratic calendar for December 4.

12 min: "Finding Joy in Personal Study." Talk.

20 min: Consideration of *Our Ministry* book, page 60 to subheading on page 65. Discuss first two paragraphs with audience. Material under subheading "Kingdom Hall" should be presented as a talk. Include comments from information presented at district conventions about fund established to assist in the building of more Kingdom Halls where needed. Encourage support. Discuss material under subheading "Congregation Meetings" with audience, building appreciation for Jehovah's provisions.

8 min: Discuss December offer of *New World Translation* and either *Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation?* or any other older 192-page book. Review talking points about Bible, older book and brochure, *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* Prepare now to use new Topic for Conversation. See December *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Song 99 and concluding prayer.

Perceptive Powers (*Cont'd*)

the Tempter Satan was based on God's Word.—Matt. 4:1-11.

[5] There was also the time when the first-century governing body was faced with the question of circumcision. Through use of the spiritual guidance at Amos 9:11, 12, the disciple James was helped to convince all concerned that circumcision is not a Christian requirement.—Acts 15:7, 13-19.

A REAL HELP WHEN NEEDED

[6] We are living at a time when pressures from Satan's doomed system abound. Decisions must be made on many matters due to the vicious assaults of the angry god of this system of things. But our God Jehovah has provided us with the needed help. There is hardly a question that could be raised that has not been dealt with in *The Watchtower* at some time or other during its 104 years of publication. By using handy indexes, we can tap this great source of solid spiritual food to help us meet the challenge of Satan's temptations. The *Watch Tower Publications Index* volumes from 1930 through 1982 contain 1,568 pages of references for our help!

[7] Do you have personal subscriptions to both *Awake!* and *The Watchtower*? Does your home theocratic library contain these valuable helps? Many old-timers can point to volumes of these magazines that they have received over the years. They have kept their personal copies for future reference along with other literature provided by the Society.

[8] Knowing the value of these trustworthy journals, *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, we can convincingly recommend them to our neighbors. Having already become familiar with the subscription presentation during October, we can present it with even greater skill and enthusiasm now during November. Your neighbors also need to have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong if they are to survive. So, present this vital spiritual food to them, as their lives depend upon it!—1 Tim. 4:16.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **November**: Subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower,* for $3.50 each for a one-year subscription; six-month subscription, $2.00. **December**: The *New World Translation* and either *Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation?* or any other older 192-page book, for $3.75. If 192-page books unavailable, can offer the *New World Translation* and the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* for $3.25. **January and February:** *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for $2.50.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Common Swedish Bible of 1982* (congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $1.50) —Swedish
  - *Holy Scriptures* (bi2; *Common Swedish Bible* Hebrew Scriptures combined with *New World Translation of the Greek Scriptures;* congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $1.50) —Swedish
  - *Commentary on the Letter of James* —Arabic
  - *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* —Indonesian
  - *Making Your Family Life Happy* —Samoan
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* —Chinese, Hausa, Hiri Motu, Thai, Yoruba
  - *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It* —Vietnamese
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Gouro, Igala, Indonesian, Isoko, Kirundi, Kisii, Maragoli, Masai, Sranan
  - *Is There a God Who Cares?* —Welsh
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* —Hungarian
  - *Kingdom News* No. 32 —Chinese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The First to the Corinthians* (single cassette) —Swedish
  - *The Second to the Corinthians,*

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New Book (*Cont'd*)

4 As you have observed, the chapters in the new book are each just seven or eight pages in length. That is about right for a Congregation Book Study. But it may prove to be more than you can cover effectively in an hour at a home Bible study. When using this book for study, do not rush through the material. Allow time for the student to look up the scriptures personally and to reason on them. Some paragraphs have a number of scriptures cited; all of them are valuable. If answers given to the study questions are superficial, use auxiliary questions to direct attention to important points that might otherwise be missed. Be sure that the student really understands what is being studied and its value to him personally.

5 May our use of this fine publication enable many more persons to share with us the real joy that comes from unitedly worshiping Jehovah, the only true God.

Improving Our Teaching Ability —By Making Key Points Stand Out

1 "You ought to be teachers," Paul wrote to the Hebrews. (Heb. 5:12) That is no less true today as the great teaching assignment given by Jesus reaches its climax. One thing that will help us to be more effective teachers is discernment as to the overall meaning of the material we read and teach others. This applies to the entire publication being studied as well as to a particular chapter and individual paragraphs therein.

2 The title of a book presents the main theme that is developed. When teaching from that book, the teacher should learn to relate each chapter title to the book title. Help the student to see the relationship between the two. Usually the subject considered in a particular chapter qualifies or deals with a particular aspect of the overall subject. For example, the chapters "Getting Along With One Another in Love" and "Making a Success of Family Life" help the student to see what is required before you can live forever in Paradise on earth.

3 Subheadings throughout an article or a chapter are helpful in isolating the key points. Each paragraph in a chapter is related in some way to the chapter title. Learn to look for the specific point in each paragraph that is most closely related to the chapter theme. This will be the key point you will want to impress on your student when teaching. Note subheading in *Live Forever* book, page 120 and paragraphs 4 and 5 that follow.

4 When teaching from a publication with printed questions, you will usually find that the answer is to be found in one simple phrase, and sometimes in a single word. Teach your student to confine his underlining to that single word or phrase. This has several advantages. He can spot the answer quickly without having to reread much of the paragraph. Encourage him to phrase answers in his own words rather than reading from lengthy portions he may have underlined. By looking at the few underlined words, he can quickly formulate a mental outline of what the material is all about.

5 Of special value to the teacher and to the student is the use of italics, which highlight key words and phrases in a paragraph or key portions of Scripture texts. Be sure your student understands the application that is made of the italicized material. This will be helpful to him when explaining his beliefs to others.

6 These basic ideas dealing with key points are applicable whether one is teaching as the *Watchtower* Study conductor, as a Book Study conductor or on a home Bible study, as well as when teaching children. Jesus said we should 'make disciples, *teaching them.'* (Matt. 28:19, 20) Learning to make the key points stand out will help us to carry out that commission.

Finding Joy in Personal Study

1 The psalmist has pronounced "happy" the one whose "delight is in the law of Jehovah" and who reads it "in an undertone day and night." (Ps. 1:1, 2) Do you regularly experience that joy of heart, yes, true happiness, that comes with taking in accurate knowledge of our loving God Jehovah? Many do. But why is it that some find study and meditation a chore, truly hard work that brings great benefits, yes, but not necessarily joy during the process? What can be done to turn this seeming chore into a joyful experience?

HOW CAN WE INCREASE OUR JOY?

2 First we must appreciate that taking in such knowledge actually *means life* for us. (John 17:3) So important is this that *The Watchtower* once stated: "If you 'cannot find time' for Bible study, then you are, in effect, saying that you do not want life." But should the gaining of everlasting life be the sole motive of our Bible study? Note Jesus' answer to those Jewish leaders seeking to kill him: "You are searching the Scriptures, because you think that by means of them you will have everlasting life; . . . but I well know that you do not have the love of God in you." (John 5:39, 42) Yes, our personal study must be motivated by a love for God and a desire to help others.—Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 8:1.

3 For instance, by preparing thoroughly for all congregation meetings, we will be more inclined to participate, and our comments will be more meaningful. In this way we can encourage and incite others to love and fine works. (Heb. 10:24, 25) And how will this affect our field ministry? Our advance preparation for meetings will impress more deeply upon our minds the spiritual truths we learn at the Kingdom Hall, and thus we will be able to recall these points when witnessing to others. We will be better equipped in all

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Calling Back on Subscribers

[1] November is now the second month of our current *Awake!* and *Watchtower* subscription campaign. Undoubtedly many individuals became new subscribers during October, and it is good for us to follow up and see if a Bible study might be started. How may we do this?

[2] Most of these new subscribers will not be receiving their magazines in the mail as yet, so we could call back with the latest issues. After several of such visits a friendship begins to develop. A good conversation can often be started on the basis of one or two articles that may appeal to the new subscriber. The key is to know the magazines well and make the visit a *friendly* one. Let the subscriber see that you are interested in him and that the information you have is vital to his welfare and happiness.

[3] Remember, our objective with subscribers is to start a Bible study. Their having information is not enough. The eunuch had the book of Isaiah but he needed Philip to explain it. (Acts 8:27-36) Philip used the direct approach, and a productive Bible study was held immediately. Why not try the same with subscribers? Whether this initial effort is successful or not, make a definite offer to return and study the Bible with the individual. Here is one way it could be done:

[4] As subscribers, we will know approximately when the issues are received through the mail. So we could call within a few days and point out interesting articles in the latest issues. Sometimes it is good to sit down with the subscriber and read a few paragraphs together, where this is possible. Such friendly discussions can often lead to a home Bible study's being developed in time. In making such a call, one could greet the fellow subscriber warmly and then say something like this: "I know you must have just received your [issue date] *Watchtower* [or *Awake!*] in the mail, as I have just received mine, and I thought of you when I read this article. [Show title.] If you have your copy nearby, I would like to show you a point that really interested me." Such calls, while brief, could be made longer and include further discussion as a friendship builds up. Eventually the householder is looking forward to his weekly Bible discussion with your help. When the time is appropriate a study may be started in the *Live Forever* book.

[5] We hope you will have good success in obtaining subscriptions and then in starting studies with these individuals who show interest in God's Word. Remember, we want to help them become true disciples of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Be friendly on your calls; let people know you are genuinely interested in them and their family. Help them to see how the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines they receive will further improve their knowledge of God and his purposes. At the appropriate time offer to study with them and then be dependable in making your calls to assist them in taking in the knowledge that leads to everlasting life. —John 17:3.

Personal Study (*Cont'd*)

features of service to offer to others 'a reason for the hope within us,' and our ministry will be much more effective.—1 Pet. 3:15.

FINDING THE TIME

[4] Is *finding* study time a problem? If we appreciate that Bible study actually means our life, and if we sincerely desire to use what we learn to benefit others, we will be moved to 'buy out time' from less important activities. (Eph. 5:15, 16) It may require limiting our television viewing or our reading of nonessential material. Perhaps we could make better use of some time in the evening just before retiring, or we could rise a little earlier in the morning. Even 15 or 20 minutes each day used in this way is beneficial, especially when done *regularly*. Just 15 minutes of personal study *every day* adds up to more than 91 hours in a year's time!

[5] But for us to reap the fullest joy from our periods of study, we must use the time well. We should avoid daydreaming or letting our mind wander, but, rather, focus our thoughts on a specific subject. By setting a goal and removing ourselves from distractions such as the television or a noisy room, we will be more productive. Real personal study requires thoughtful meditation on the practical value of what we are learning. If we follow Paul's advice to "ponder over these things; be absorbed in them," we will feel satisfied with what we are able to accomplish and will find real joy in personal study.—1 Tim. 4:15.

Announcements (*Cont'd*)

To the Galatians (single cassette) —Swedish
To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians (single cassette) —Swedish
The First to the Thessalonians through *To Philemon* (single cassette) —Swedish
The First of Peter through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette) —Swedish
A Revelation to John (single cassette) —Swedish

● Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
Lapel cards (for circuit assemblies) —English, Spanish

● *1984 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses:* Publishers and pioneers, please order your *Yearbooks* through your congregation. Congregations should begin collecting requests for these *Yearbooks* now. Then on November 1, 1983, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). The *Yearbooks* will be available in English, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish. Until the *Yearbooks* are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. Congregations should order only the number of *Yearbooks* for which there are requests. Payment should not accompany the congregation order. The *Yearbooks* are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers and the public. (See the 1983 *Cost List*, paragraphs 22-24.) Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1983, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit on the Remittance and Credit Request (S-20). Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 25c each. (Note to secretary: Please have announcement made to the congregation when the *Yearbooks* are received so that all who ordered can obtain their copies.)

● The Society has begun publishing *Awake!* in the Hebrew and Russian languages as quarterly (four issues per year) editions. Congregations may order distributor copies of these magazines. We will not take subscriptions for them since they are quarterly editions. The cost will be the same as for other magazines.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	243	127.1	86.6	52.6	5.6
Pios.	23,943	64.8	39.9	25.0	3.2
Aux. Pios.	24,760	60.4	35.2	16.4	1.5
Pubs.	594,224	9.2	7.3	3.5	0.4
TOTAL	643,170				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 731

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

November 6: Pages 191 to 200*
November 13: Pages 200* to 207
November 20: Pages 208 to 216
November 27: Pages 217 to 224

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* To or from subheading.

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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 5-11

What points of interest will you highlight in

1. The Bible?
2. The book?
3. The current magazines?

DECEMBER 12-18

When inviting interested ones to attend our meetings

1. What will you say?
2. How can the handbill be used?
3. How will you describe the meetings?

DECEMBER 19-25

During worldly holidays, how will you

1. Respond to a holiday greeting?
2. Use the occasion to give a witness?
3. Show consideration for householders?

DECEMBER 26–JANUARY 1

What will you say if asked:

1. "Why don't you celebrate holidays?"
2. "Why do you call on a holiday?"

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth:*

December 4:	Pages 225	to 230
December 11:	Pages 231	to 237
December 18:	Pages 238	to 246*
December 25:	Pages 247#	to 255

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* Include last paragraph on page.
# From subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Hope for a Happy Future?

John 17:3—Everlasting life is possible.

John 17:17—We can believe the Bible.

God's Word Exerts Power

[1] Why has the Bible exercised such a powerful influence on the lives of millions of people for centuries? One reason is that it contains direction from man's Creator. (Ps. 19:7-11; 119:105) Bible writers themselves testify that the Scriptures did not come by their own efforts but by inspiration from God. (2 Sam. 23:2) They wrote as they were directed by holy spirit. —2 Pet. 1:20, 21.

[2] When we study and apply the words written under the direction of holy spirit, we find they exert power in our lives. This can be seen by the way many persons have been moved to make great changes in their lives so that they come into harmony with God's Word. Thousands have been influenced by God's Word to dedicate their lives to Jehovah and do his will.

POWER IN OUR LIVES

[3] Does the Word of God exert power in your life? We should be "intensely occupied with the word" and anxious to help others learn more about it. (Acts 18:5) Paul wrote: "When you received God's word, . . . you accepted it, not as the word of men, but, just as it truthfully is, as the word of God, which is also at work in you believers." (1 Thess. 2:13) It takes a careful study of God's Word to gain this conviction. God's Word certainly was at work in Paul's life, as it motivated him to undertake his strenuous missionary tours, preaching the good news about the Christ. —Rom. 15:19.

[4] For God's Word to exert power in our life we have to know what it teaches and apply it. (Heb. 4:12) Some choose to ignore the direction it gives. (Eph. 4:25-32) But those who follow the direction of the Scriptures enjoy a fine relationship with their Creator.

HELPING OTHERS

[5] Have you met people who question whether the Bible really is God's Word? Some say it may be "inspired" in the sense of being from the pen of gifted writers, but they doubt that it is actually from God. Such persons, as well as others, owe it to themselves to examine the Bible, put it to the test and see that it actually is *the truth.* (John 17:17) For this reason our offer of the *New World Transla-*

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Punctuality—A Mark of Thoughtfulness

[1] "Better late than never!" or "I may come late to the meetings, but I am there!" Have you heard someone make such expressions? But what has the individual missed by coming late to the meetings? Perhaps he missed the joyful singing, which is an essential part of our worship. Or, he missed the privilege of uniting with the congregation in prayer. Latecomers are not there to benefit from an interchange of encouragement before the meetings. Also, when we arrive late, we may distract others and prevent them from receiving the full benefit of the program.—Eccl. 3:1; Rom. 1:11, 12.

[2] Punctuality is a mark of loving consideration and thoughtfulness. It requires good planning and foresight. It is true that there may be times when one is unavoidably late in arriving at a meeting. Public transportation may be delayed, or the car may break down. We must make sure, however, that a lack of good planning, indifference or simply not leaving home on time does not result in our being habitual latecomers. We ought to make a genuine effort to be present before the meetings begin.

[3] Some persons may be tardy because they have not seen the importance of training themselves to be punctual. One who is habitually late, without good reason, may lose the respect of others. How so? In the minds of many he may be viewed as being thoughtless or unreliable and thus considered undependable in regard to other matters as well. On the other hand, being punctual is a way of displaying the fruitage of Jehovah's spirit.—Gal. 5:22, 23.

[4] How encouraging it is to come to the meetings and find the elders and ministerial servants there, waiting to greet us, giving us a warm feeling of deep appreciation for the fine theocratic family of which we are a part.—Rom. 15:7.

[5] Arriving on time is also important when meeting for field service. Punctuality results in more time being spent in the all-important preaching and disciple-making work. But if circumstances make you late for the meeting for field service and you want to work with the group, you may be able to meet the publishers in the territory.

[6] Our punctuality will build respect for us and for the organization we represent. Yes, punctuality reflects thoughtfulness. It demonstrates orderliness. (1 Cor. 14:40) For example, when invited for din-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 4

Song 20

5 min: Local announcements. Brief review of text for the day. Encourage participation in magazine work on Saturday. Bring *Our Ministry* book next week.

15 min: "God's Word Exerts Power." Question-and-answer discussion. Highlight how God's Word helps us and how we can use it to help others. Demonstrate presentation of offer illustrating use of questions in discussion. Arrange for return visit to discuss how we can be sure the Bible is inspired of God.

25 min: What Is School Like Today? Coverage of pages 8-11 of *School* brochure on "The Moral Principles We Follow." In introduction comment on moral attitudes of the day and consequences to teenagers. Invite panel of young publishers to platform and discuss need to uphold Bible principles in view of attitude of worldly students on morals. Then discuss with panel and audience the sound moral principles covering six problem areas, starting with "Premarital Sex." In conclusion emphasize "Value of Bible Principles" to congregation, showing the fine benefits that come from following Bible principles.

Song 100 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 11

Song 70

5 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Remind all to bring *Live Forever* and *United in Worship* books next week.

12 min: "Presenting the Good News—To Relatives." Discuss main points with audience. Include upbuilding experiences as time permits.

14 min: Coping With Holidays and Celebrations. Question-and-answer coverage of material on "Birthdays" and "Christmas" on pages 17-19 of *School* brochure. Use introductory material under "Holidays and Celebrations" on page 17. Also include information on "New Year's Day" on page 20. Emphasize that we are not against gift giving or showing honor to one another. Show pagan background of these holidays and celebrations and why Christians rightly avoid involvement.

14 min: Question-and-answer discussion of *Our Ministry* book, page 65, paragraph 3 through page 72, paragraph 2.

Song 87 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 18

Song 79

5 min: Local announcements and Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

10 min: "Punctuality—A Mark of Thoughtfulness." Question-and-answer coverage by elder. Kindly reason with publishers on why they should make genuine effort to be on time for meetings in congregation, for circuit assemblies and district conventions, and for field service.

20 min: Elder to handle article on "Improving Our Teaching Ability—By the Use of Questions." Discussion of material and demonstration. Have brief demonstration on material in paragraph 2. (Publisher studying with student in *Live Forever* book, page 226, paragraphs 4 and 5. Direct student to illustration on page 227, asking question next to picture.) *Elder:* On paragraph 3 discuss the value of "Review Discussion" box in *United in Worship* book.

10 min: Talk on recent *Watchtower* article. Use December 15, 1983, *Watchtower* article "Do You Fear What Others Think?" or October 15, 1983, *Watchtower* article "Reject Worldly Desires!" Encourage all to share in magazine activity on Saturday.

Song 52 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 25

Song 33

10 min: Local announcements. Relate brief experiences enjoyed by witnessing during the holidays or through informal contacts with relatives. Review service arrangements, encouraging all to share on the first Sunday, January 1.

10 min: Review highlights of *1984 Yearbook*. Discuss benefits of daily consideration of text individually and as a family. Invite one or two family heads to explain how they arrange for the text discussion with their families. (If *Yearbook* is not available, use time for local needs.)

15 min: "Theocratic Ministry School Refinements." School overseer gives talk based on article along with appropriate information from *Our Ministry* book, pages 72-74 and the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1984. Highlight benefits to be derived by all, whether newly enrolled or those in the school for many years. Call special attention to information under "Counsel and Remarks" in school Instructions.

10 min: "Brochure to Be Featured in Congregation Book Study." Talk by elder. Encourage all to obtain a copy if they need it and be sure to attend when this is studied.

Song 91 and concluding prayer.

Theocratic Ministry School Refinements

[1] Having received the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1984 with the October *Our Kingdom Ministry,* you have no doubt had opportunity to observe some of the refinements that should serve to make the school even more effective in equipping us for the ministry.

[2] With so many new ones coming into the congregation today, it seems appropriate to continue using the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*. Even those who have been enrolled in the school for many years can benefit from going over this information again. Talks based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* will continue to provide background information for our consideration of the Bible books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Brothers assigned the first and second talks may choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material.

[3] Perhaps you have observed that the third and fourth talks for the entire year will be based on *Bible Topics for Discussion*. This will require more personal preparation on the part of the students but will allow them greater opportunity to make practical application of what they are learning from the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*. Those preparing talks based on *Bible Topics for Discussion* will use the themes provided in the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1984. They will have opportunity to develop their own line of reasoning and argumentation, just as they would when encountering people in the field service.

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Punctuality (*Cont'd*)

ner, your being punctual shows consideration for your host and the other guests. Is it not true that being on time for spiritual meals with the congregation is even more important? We should always show respect for our Host, Jehovah God, and for his other guests, as well as for the provision of spiritual food.

[7] Parents can set a good example for their children by being punctual. All of us, including our children, should recommend ourselves and the organization we represent by demonstrating punctuality. This may well be included in our application of Paul's words: "In no way are we giving any cause for stumbling, that our ministry might not be found fault with; but in every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers."—2 Cor. 6:3, 4.

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Announcements

● Literature offer for **December**: *New World Translation* and any 192-page book for contribution of $3.75. If 192-page books are not available, offer the *New World Translation* and the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* for contribution of $3.25. **January and February**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for contribution of $2.50. **March**: Any two of the following books for a contribution of $1.00: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution, Holy Spirit, This Life* and *World Government*. These publications, with the exception of the *"Eternal Purpose"* and *Evolution* books, may be ordered from the Society if none are in stock locally. These books used in the March offer may be obtained by congregation publishers for 50c each and at the regular rate by pioneers. Congregations may request 25c credit for each of those books. On the Remittance and Credit Request form, a line under "Other Items" can show the total number of such books placed for use in the March special offer and for which credit is requested.

● Presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on December 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

● Publishers and pioneers, please order your 1983 bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* through your congregation. Congregations should begin collecting requests for these volumes now. Then, on January 1, 1984, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society, using the regular *Literature Order* form (S-14). Order only the number of volumes for which you have requests. In addition to English, the volumes will be available in Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish at $4.00 each. There is no pioneer rate. Payment should not accompany the congregation order sent to the Society. (See 1983 *Cost List,* paragraph 23.) Volumes will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices until they are available.

● It is suggested that all congregations display the new yeartext by January 1, 1984.

● New Publications Available:

Choosing the Best Way of Life
—Yoruba

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth
—Efik, Tagalog

● The following publications are available in grade-two English Braille. They may be obtained on loan, or they may be purchased.

School and Jehovah's Witnesses
(1 volume) $1.00 to purchase

United in Worship of the Only True God
(4 volumes) $5.00 to purchase

If purchased, a remittance should accompany all orders. Orders for Braille items should be sent to the Society's BRAILLE DESK and should not be included on regular congregation literature orders.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	342	130.3	99.2	52.5	5.7
Pios.	27,355	84.9	53.5	30.2	3.2
Aux. Pios.	27,052	60.4	37.3	17.1	1.5
Pubs.	574,914	8.7	7.2	3.4	0.4
TOTAL	629,663				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,382

The total regular pioneers for September is 3,412 more than the peak reached in the previous month of August. An exceptional increase, indeed! Our total publishers is 36,498 more than reported in September of last year. We rejoice in such a fine start for this new service year!

Improving Our Teaching Ability —By the Use of Questions

1 "When he saw the crowds he went up into the mountain; and after he sat down his disciples came to him; and he opened his mouth and began teaching them." (Matt. 5:1, 2) Jesus, as the Master Teacher, instructed with skill. Through his effective use of questions, he stimulated the thinking ability of his listeners. He sounded down the truth into their minds and hearts. As Jesus' disciples, we want to copy his methods in our teaching activity.—Matt. 17:5-7, 24-26; 18:12; Mark 11:29, 30.

THE VALUE OF QUESTIONS

2 Much of our success in helping the student depends on the effective use of questions. When used properly, they become outstanding tools for teaching. They can guide the student's mind from one point to another in an orderly way, so that he reaches proper conclusions. Questions help in at least three basic ways.

3 First, they help the student express thoughts in his own words. In that way the teacher can ascertain if the student really understands the points being made. Note that in the *United in Worship* book not only are questions found at the bottom of the page and within many paragraphs, but additionally there are questions in a "Review Discussion" box at the end of each chapter, drawing together the overall main points. These questions test the understanding of the student and help him to see how he can make practical application of the information he is learning. Also, questions and suggestions combined with an illustration are used throughout the book as teaching vehicles. Examples of these are found on pages 27, 34 and 101.

4 Second, questions can help the student to see the reasons for points made. They help him develop reasoning ability. He learns to put things in proper perspective, comparing his former beliefs with the truths he is now learning from God's Word. See questions on paragraphs 13-19 on pages 61-63 and paragraphs 13-17 on pages 95 and 96 of the *Live Forever* book.

5 Third, you can use viewpoint questions to determine how the student feels personally about a point of truth. For example, during the Bible study you may have occasion to ask one or more of the following questions: Does this sound reasonable? How do you personally feel about what you are learning? Do you think it is important to apply these things in your life? By carefully listening to his answers, you can determine the best way to assist him to love Jehovah with his "whole heart."—Matt. 22:37.

KINDS OF QUESTIONS

6 Questions basically ask for facts —Who? What? When? Where? Or, they may ask for conclusions or opinions—How? Why? Viewpoint questions are illustrated in the preceding paragraph. There are also multiple-choice, true-or-false, review and leading questions, to name a few others. Short, concise questions usually are the most effective because they involve only one main idea.

7 Our objective in asking questions is to help the student gain knowledge and grow in understanding. His answers help us evaluate his progress and heart attitude. (Eph. 3:17-19) Also, well-worded questions can help lead the student's mind to Bible answers that will educate his conscience. (Compare Paul's method at Galatians 3:1-6, also his 17 questions in 1 Corinthians 9:1-14.) Questions skillfully used in teaching will move the student to put to work in his life the truths he is learning. —Isa. 25:9.

8 Rewards for being a good teacher are great. When we teach we share something valuable with another person. We give of ourselves to help someone else. Will you make the effort it takes to be a good teacher? Teaching others is an enriching experience that can add joy to life and bring a sense of wholesome accomplishment.

Refinements *(Cont'd)*

4 With these refinements, the appropriate method of giving counsel becomes more clearly defined for the benefit of the school overseer as well as for the students. As was pointed out in the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1983, the school overseer need not follow the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip, but rather he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. His objective in giving counsel is to help the student progress in the ministry. Instructions in the new School Schedule offer further clarifications on how this can be done, under the heading "Counsel and Remarks."

5 If you have not done so already, take time now and carefully study this portion of the Instructions so that you will be able to take full advantage of the training available to you in the Theocratic Ministry School during 1984. You can be sure that Jehovah will richly bless whatever effort you are able to exert toward improving your ministry through this congregational arrangement.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To Relatives

[1] The Kingdom message is refreshing good news to our ears, but others, whose hearts are not inclined toward Jehovah, are not moved by it. (Matt. 13:15) When approached with the good news, they show little interest. Most of us have unbelieving relatives like this. Yet our family relationship may offer an opportunity to witness that may not be available otherwise. (Compare John 1:40, 41.) Many now in the truth got started through help from a relative. Have you tried to take advantage of this unique opportunity to witness? You may be the only one who can get your relatives to listen.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS

[2] Relatives not in the truth may come for a brief visit or to stay for a few days during vacation time. This may provide opportunities to give a tactful witness. Appropriate items of literature might be left in convenient places in your home. The prayers you offer at mealtimes may give you a chance to talk about your relationship with Jehovah. Invite your relatives to the meetings. Your faithfulness in attending meetings during this time may give you an opportunity to tell what goes on and why you feel it is important for you to attend. Their sitting in and listening during your family study could result in a real blessing to them. If you should be visiting in their home, you may find other ways to give an effective witness.

[3] Children are often the center of attention when families get together. Having that in mind, parents might review some basic aspects of the Kingdom message with the children beforehand. Some casual statement or incident might prompt the children to speak up in an appealing way that touches the heart of other family members. At times such expressions have a more telling effect than much witnessing by older ones.

[4] Occasionally relatives are brought together under sad circumstances, such as when someone is seriously ill or there has been a death in the family. Comforting thoughts based on God's Word may give cause for hope and touch a heart that has been unresponsive in the past.

[5] Opportunities may present themselves under other unfavorable circumstances. The relatives may insist on an explanation because you decline to participate with the family in observing some holiday or family custom. Let them know in a tactful manner what you believe and why. (1 Pet. 3:15) Your sincere response without criticizing their beliefs could make a lasting impression.—Prov. 25:11.

WITNESSING BY YOUR CONDUCT

[6] Even if your relatives are strongly opposed, you are still able to give a witness by your conduct. (1 Pet. 2:12) Always conducting yourself in a thoughtful, respectful manner may favorably impress others. This is especially important when they say things to provoke you or test your determination to be guided by Bible principles.—1 Cor. 10:31-33; 2 Cor. 6:3, 4.

[7] There is cause for special joy when a family member accepts the truth. Perhaps nothing could bring us more satisfaction than to see a loved one find the way to life. That prospect should be enough to motivate us to seek opportunities to witness to our relatives.

Brochure to Be Featured in Congregation Book Study

[1] As announced in the October issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* Congregation Book Studies for the weeks of January 1 through February 5, 1984, will be conducted in the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* (1979 revised edition). The material in this publication is especially designed to inform inquiring people about Jehovah's Witnesses—their background, work, beliefs and goals. A careful study of this brochure will help equip us to use it effectively in field service.

[2] It will be necessary for the study conductors to prepare appropriate questions, since none are provided. Simple questions designed to emphasize the Scriptural basis for our work would be best. Time should be allowed to look up and make application of some of the cited scriptures.

[3] The study for the week of February 5 has been set aside for considering page 13, dealing with "What Jehovah's Witnesses Believe." Forty-two fundamental beliefs are listed along with supporting Scripture texts. In covering this material, we recommend that the conductor state each belief; then comments should be made on the cited Scriptural references, pointing out how they support the belief. Key Scripture texts can be read as time permits.

[4] The study of this brochure should heighten our own appreciation for Jehovah's modern-day organization. Endeavor to be present at the Congregation Book Study each week and become equipped to use this information to good advantage in the field ministry.

God's Word *(Cont'd)*

tion of the Holy Scriptures along with any one of the older 192-page books will provide them with what they need to make this examination. The contribution of $3.75 is nominal.

[6] It is not just the placement of literature that is important. The question is, Can more persons be helped so that God's Word will exert beneficial power and influence in their lives and on their families as it has for us? Our Topic for Conversation, "What Hope for a Happy Future?" is appropriate, as the Bible is the only book that gives a sure hope and accurately foretells the future. John 17:3 shows that our hope includes everlasting life, and at John 17:17 Jesus testifies that God's Word is truth.

[7] Use questions to involve the householder and help him see that a happy future is possible. For example, you could ask, "Did you know that at John 17:3 Jesus talks about living forever?" Or in commenting on John 17:17, we might say: "Did you know that the person who taught and influenced more people than any other man who ever lived pointed to God's Word as the source of truth? That Teacher was Jesus, and he said: [Read.]."

[8] During the month of December we will also have opportunity to offer the brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* for a contribution of 25c. This will be of special interest to persons who may have reading difficulties. Also, many families will enjoy having this brochure to discuss with their children. It can help them learn more about the Kingdom and how Jehovah will carry out his will to make the earth a Paradise.

[9] Interested persons need to study the Bible and become convinced that it is really the Word of God. Keeping that in mind, we should try to start Bible discussions. If the person is not convinced that the Bible is inspired, you could talk about this when you make a return visit.—See *Watch Tower Publications Index* under "Bible, inspiration."

[10] Only by learning the truth and being convinced that the Bible *is* inspired of God will sincere persons be motivated to follow its direction, which leads to everlasting life. (Prov. 2:1, 20, 21) If we do our part, we will see the influence of the Word of God grow in our territory as new ones become obedient to the faith.—Acts 6:7.